Historic ownership of the Emmanuel Church

Introduction

The following history of the Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Coloma, California, is a detailed account of its establishment, clergy, property ownership, and eventual donation to the State of California, reflecting its significance in local religious and community life.

Early History and Construction

The Emmanuel Church was founded in January 1855, marked by Bishop Kip's visit to Coloma, where he met prospective parishioners and preached at the Coloma Court House, baptizing an infant. This period saw the church's size and interior described publicly for the first time in February 1855, followed by reports on its construction and fundraising efforts in March 1855. The church lot, measuring 180 by 140 feet, was purchased in September 1855 from Stephen and Ester Nichols for $150. Fundraising included community efforts such as renting seats or pews, though records of success are unavailable.

Clergy and Growth

Between June 1855 and January 1856, Reverend James Capen, a former Baptist minister, served briefly before Reverend D.F. MacDonald took over until 1859. MacDonald published a book of sermons to benefit the church, though the financial impact is unknown. The church expanded its property in March 1857 by adding an extension measuring 180 by 22 feet for $50.00.

Challenges and Preservation

In 1858, the Vestry voted to sell the church due to difficulties, but Bishop Kip and parishioners prevented the sale, ensuring its continuation. The Protestant Episcopal Church formally thanked Bishop Kip for his efforts in 1859.

The Era of Reverend C.C. Peirce

Reverend C.C. Peirce arrived in 1861, serving until his death in 1903. He preached across multiple locations, including Emmanuel Church, which held services regularly with attendance ranging from twenty to fifty. By 1862, Emmanuel was recognized as one of three main churches in the area, with the Methodists beginning to share the building by 1870.

Property Disputes and Ownership Changes

In 1873, the church was delinquent on taxes, and during the official El Dorado County survey, no church representative claimed the property. Robert Chalmers, who owned surrounding land, acquired the church lot, now part of Lot 14, Block 7. Despite this, services continued under Reverend Peirce and the

Methodist congregation. After Chalmers's death in 1881, the Stockton Building and Loan Association took control of the property due to unpaid mortgages, selling it to Oscar Osborn in 1890. Osborn attempted to deed the property back to the church trustees, but this was deemed illegal. In 1901, Albert Norris purchased the property from Osborn, maintaining the same legal description.

Joint Use and Donation to Methodist Episcopal Church

By the early 20th century, the church had fallen into disrepair with sporadic services after Reverend Peirce's death. In 1921, Ella Norris convened a public meeting to discuss donating the church and lot to the Methodist Episcopal Church. This transfer was formalized in April 1921, with Bishop Moreland of the Episcopal Diocese of Sacramento acknowledging the building's shared use for over fifty years and stipulating that Episcopal services could continue occasionally with prior notice. The deed was recorded shortly thereafter, and the church was renamed Emmanuel Methodist Episcopal Church. The community celebrated this event with fundraising and statewide participation in 1922.

Final Transfer to State Ownership

Despite changes in legal ownership, the Emmanuel Church remained a place of worship for both denominations for many years. On April 30, 1969, the church was deeded to the State of California to become part of the Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park, ensuring its preservation as a historic site.

This comprehensive timeline clarifies the ownership and usage history of the Emmanuel Episcopal Church, dispelling rumors and highlighting its importance in Coloma's religious and cultural heritage.

Ownership of the Coloma Emmanuel Episcopal Church

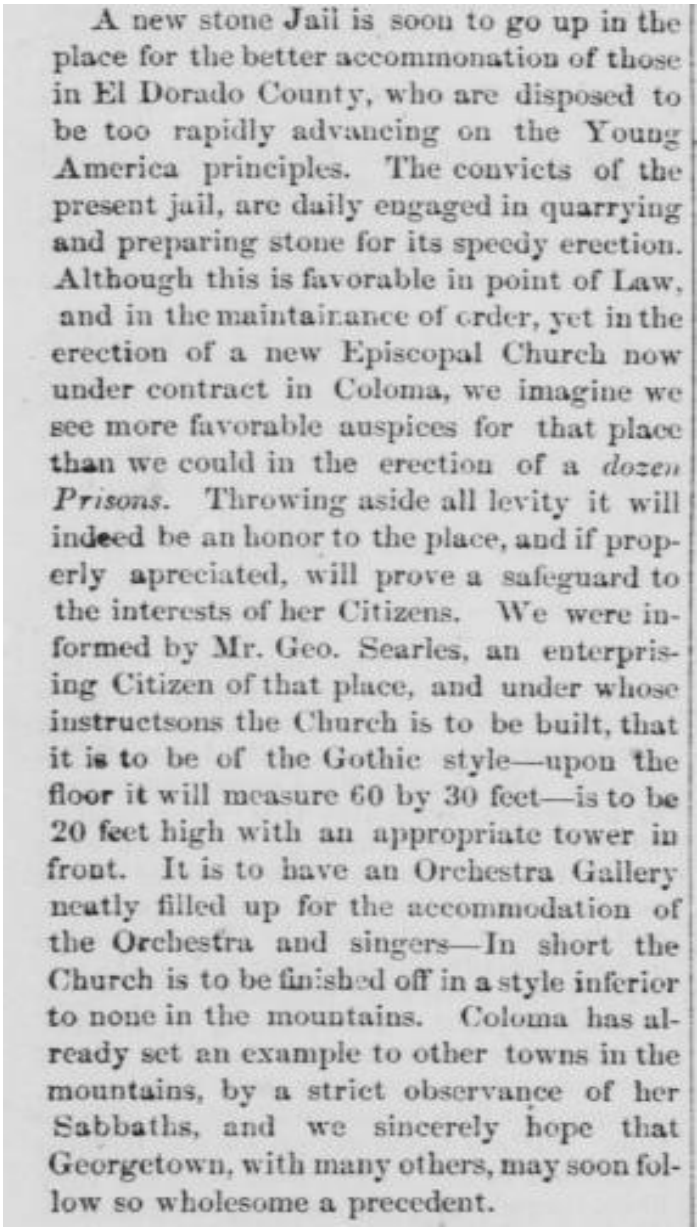
1855 to1969

Various news stories have questioned the possible ownership by a pioneer Coloma Black family.

The following timeline details the Emmanuel church history from its inception until its donation to the State of California for inclusion into the Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park.

The beginnings of the Emmanuel church started in January 1855 with the visit of the Bishop Kip to Coloma.

That January Bishop Kip met with Jenny Wimmer and others, being escorted by Mr. George Searle around the town meeting perspective parishioners. The Wednesday of his visit, the 24th of January the Bishop Kip Preached in the Coloma Court House and baptized an infant.



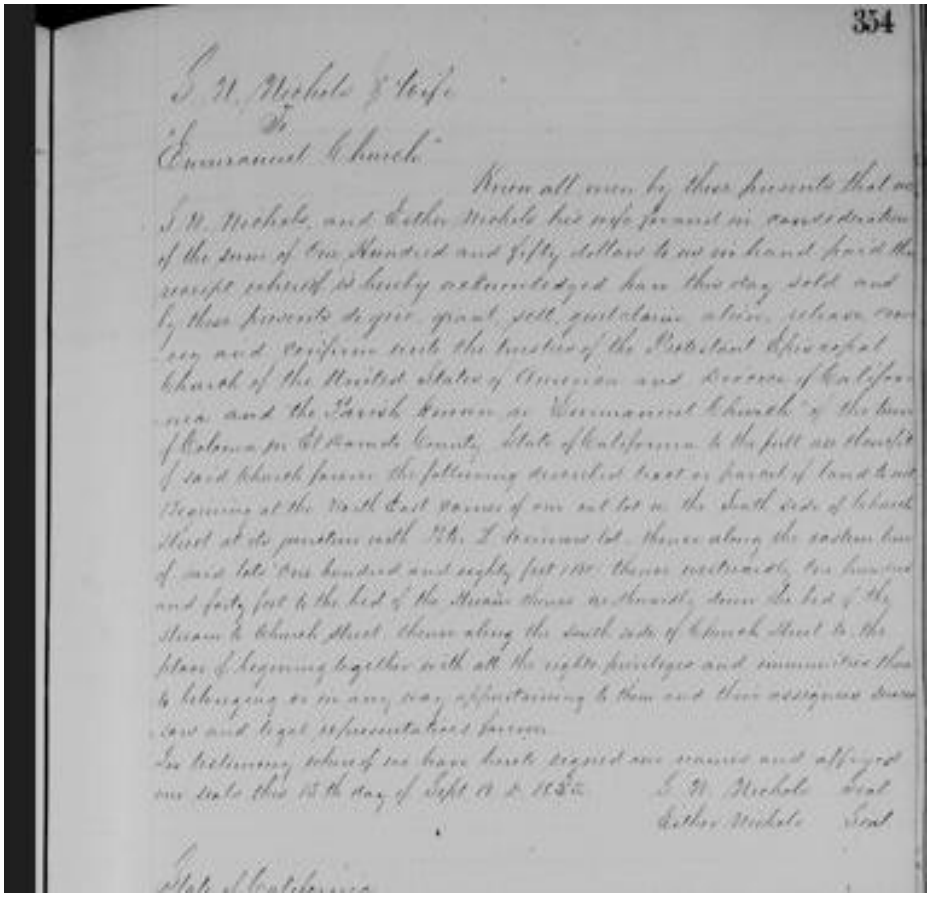
A new stone Jail is soon to go up in the place for the better accommonation of those in El Dorado County, who are disposed to be too rapidly advancing on the Young America principles. The convicts of the present jail, are daily engaged in quarrying and preparing stone for its speedy erection. Although this is favorable in point of Law, and in the maintainance of order, yet in the erection of a new Episcopal Church now under contract in Coloma, we imagine we see more favorable auspices for that place than we could in the erection of a *dozen Prisons*. Throwing aside all levity it will indeed be an honor to the place, and if properly apreciated, will prove a safeguard to the interests of her Citizens. We were informed by Mr. Geo. Searles, an enterprising Citizen of that place, and under whose instructsons the Church is to be built, that it is to be of the Gothic style—upon the floor it will measure 60 by 30 feet—is to be 20 feet high with an appropriate tower in front. It is to have an Orchestra Gallery neatly filled up for the accommodation of the Orchestra and singers—In short the Church is to be finished off in a style inferior to none in the mountains. Coloma has already set an example to other towns in the mountains, by a strict observance of her Sabbaths, and we sincerely hope that Georgetown, with many others, may soon follow so wholesome a precedent.

The February 22, 1855, issue of the Georgetown News reports on the progress of the Emmanuel Church. This is the first time the size of the Emmanuel Church and its interior was described in the local newspapers.

The frame of the Episcopal church was raised on Thursday and Friday. The church will be finished speedily, and when done it will not only vie with any church in the mountains, but will not be excelled by any in the State.

March 24, 1855

The *Empire Argus* reported on the construction and funding of the Emmanuel Episcopal Church during the year 1855.



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S. H. Nichols & Wife
To
Emmanuel Church

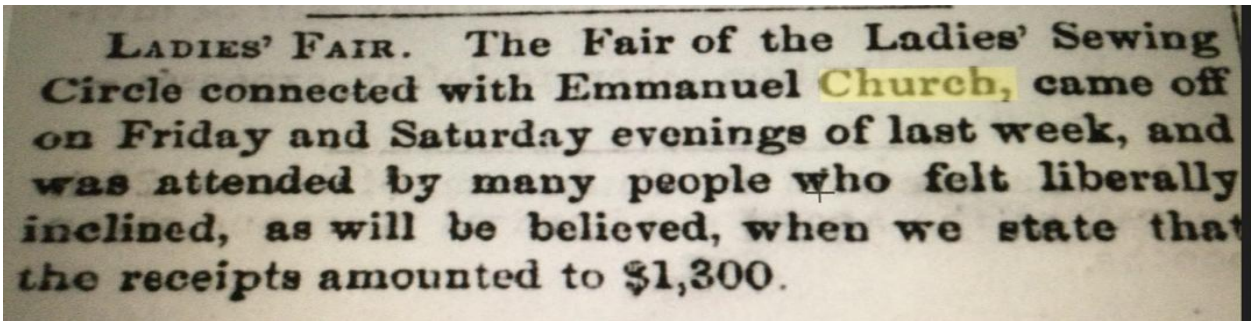
Know all men by these presents that we S. H. Nichols and Esther Nichols his wife for and in consideration of the sum of One Hundred and fifty dollars to us in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have this day sold and by these presents do give grant sell quitclaim alien release convey and confirm unto the trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America and Diocese of California and the Parish known as "Emmanuel Church" of the town of Folsom in El Dorado County State of California & the full use benefit of said church forever the following described tract or parcel of land & premises Beginning at the North East corner of our said lot on the South side of Leidesdorff Street at its junction with 7th Street thence along the eastern line of said lot One hundred and eighty feet (180) thence westwardly two hundred and forty feet to the West line of the Mormon Church as thereat, thence Southerly along the West line of the Mormon Church Street thence along the South side of Church Street to the place of beginning together with all the rights privileges and immunities thereto belonging or in any way appertaining to them and their assignees heirs and legal representatives forever.

In testimony whereof we have hereto signed our names and affixed our seals this 15th day of Sept A. D. 1855.

S. H. Nichols Seal
Esther Nichols Seal

State of California

In September 1855, the first Deed for the Emmanuel Church lot was recorded with the El Dorado County Recorder, purchased for the sum of $150.00 from Stephen and Ester Nichols, owners of the Nichols Hotel. This lot measured 180’ x 140’.

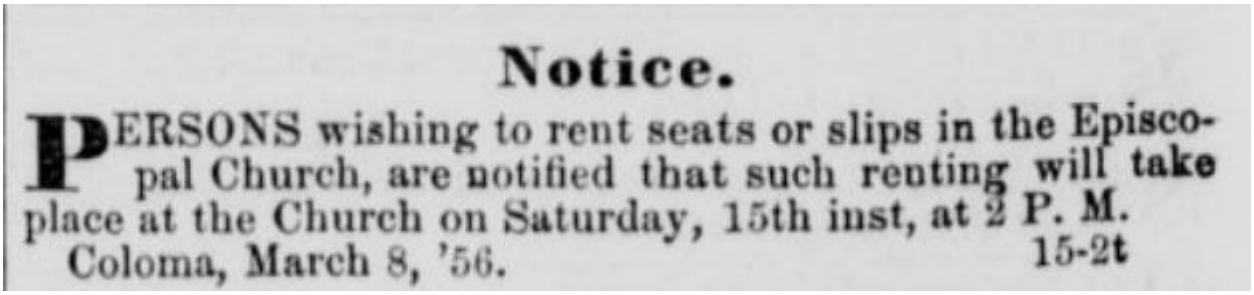


LADIES' FAIR. The Fair of the Ladies' Sewing Circle connected with Emmanuel Church, came off on Friday and Saturday evenings of last week, and was attended by many people who felt liberally inclined, as will be believed, when we state that the receipts amounted to $1,300.

Fundraising was taken on by many groups during the construction of the church.

Between the completion of the Emmanuel in June of 1855 and January 1856, the first minister arrived in Coloma, Revered James Capen, a missionary and former Baptist Minister. Reverend Capen only stayed a few months until returning to Oakland.

Reverend D.F. MacDonald soon arrived and stayed for more than a year,until 1859 when sent to Stockton leaving the Placerville/Coloma parish without a Reverend.



Notice.

PERSONS wishing to rent seats or slips in the Episcopal Church, are notified that such renting will take place at the Church on Saturday, 15th inst, at 2 P. M.

Coloma, March 8, '56. 15-2t

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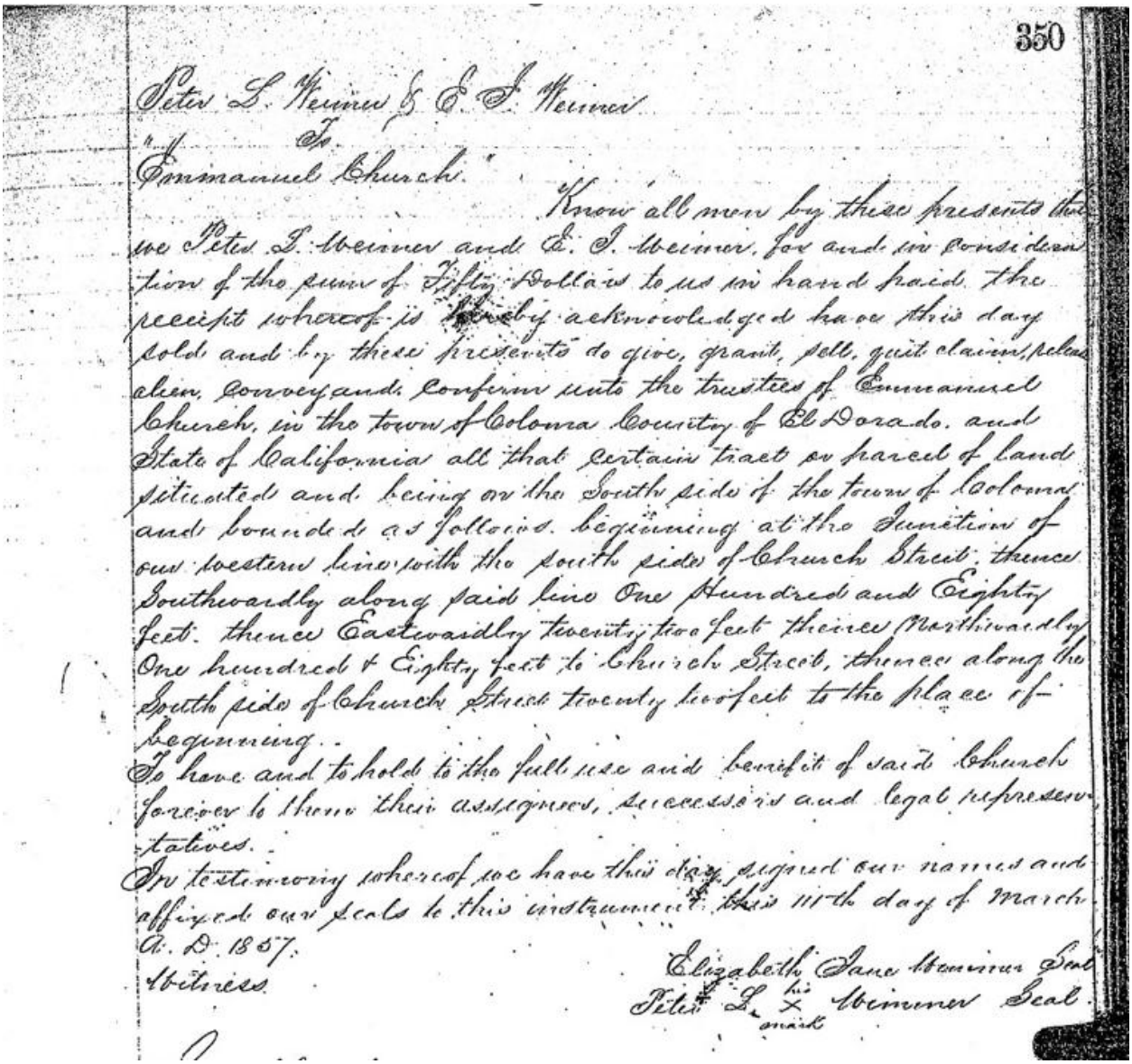
As part of the fundraising efforts to retire the construction debt of the Emmanuel church was rental of seats or an entire pew. No records of this rental's success have been located.

On March 14, 1857, a portion, or an extension to the lot upon which the Emmanuel church was constructed, is officially recorded with the El Dorado County recorder. Sold by the Wimmers to the Emmanuel Church for the sum of $50.00. The size of this addition added a 180' X 22' section.



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Peter L. Weimer & E. J. Weimer
To
Emmanuel Church.

Know all men by these presents that we Peter L. Weimer and E. J. Weimer, for and in consideration of the sum of Fifty Dollars to us in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have this day sold and by these presents do give, grant, sell, quit claim, release, convey and confirm unto the trustees of Emmanuel Church, in the town of Coloma County of El Dorado, and State of California all that certain tract or parcel of land situated and being on the South side of the town of Coloma and bounded as follows. beginning at the Junction of our western line with the south side of Church Street: thence Southwardly along said line One Hundred and Eighty feet: thence Eastwardly twenty two feet thence Northwardly One hundred & Eighty feet to Church Street, thence along the South side of Church Street twenty two feet to the place of beginning.

To have and to hold to the full use and benefit of said Church forever to them their assignees, successors and legal representatives.

In testimony whereof we have this day signed our names and affixed our seals to this instrument this 11th day of March A. D. 1857.

Witnesses

Elizabeth Jane Weimer Seal
Peter L. X Weimer Seal.
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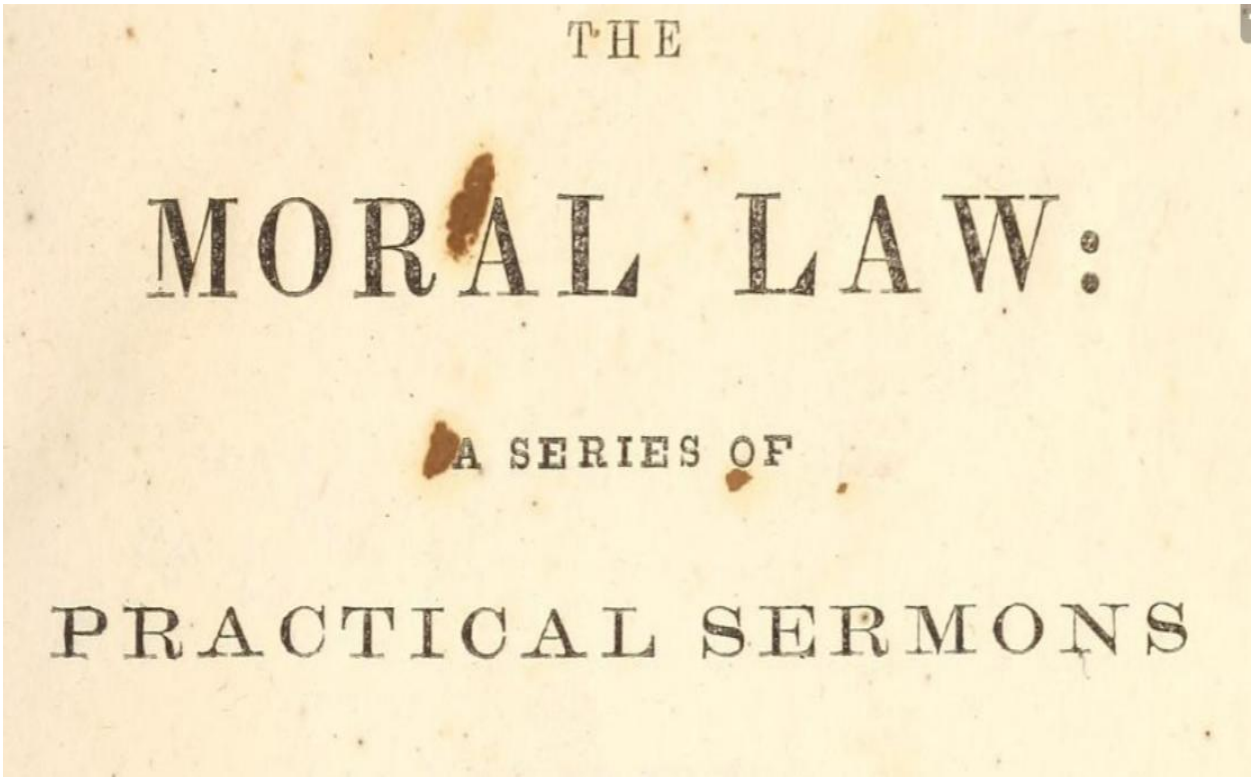
As of May 1859, Reverend D. F. MacDonald had left Coloma for the Stockton circuit. Prior to his leaving El Dorado County he published the book *Moral Law: A Series of Practical Sermons of the Ten Commandments* with proceeds to benefit the Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Coloma. The book originally sold for $2.00. There are no records of the amount of money that was raised from the sales of this book. This book has undergone multiple reprints since its initial publication.



On June 15th, 1858, Bishop Kip reports the Vestry voted to sell the Emmanuel Church. Through his efforts and those of the parishioners of the Emmanuel the church, however, was never sold and remained in use.

"News from the Pacific."

Letter from Bishop Kip.

San Francisco.
June 15, 1858.

My Dear Dr.:

I returned last night from the mountains, tired out, and this morning received your letter. As I leave in a couple of days again for Stockton, I must write now.

At present the whole state is perfectly paralyzed. The Frazer mines (in British Possessions) have acted like insanity on the people. It is estimated 3000 persons a week leave this port for the north. Some of the mining towns are almost entirely depopulated. When at Coloma, last Sunday, the vestry passed a resolution to close the church, and suffer it to be sold for $2000 of debt (it cost $7000), out of pure discouragement, from the exodus from the town. I interfered to help them from here, and to carry them along for the present till this storm be overpast—I trust I may succeed. It is estimated 50,000 people will leave the State in the next 90 days. Such are the uncertainties of a gold country. What am I to do to found a church in this whirlwind?

Report from the *Journal of the Ninth Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of California*, May 1859, thanking Bishop Kip for saving the Emmanuel Church.

EL DORADO COUNTY.

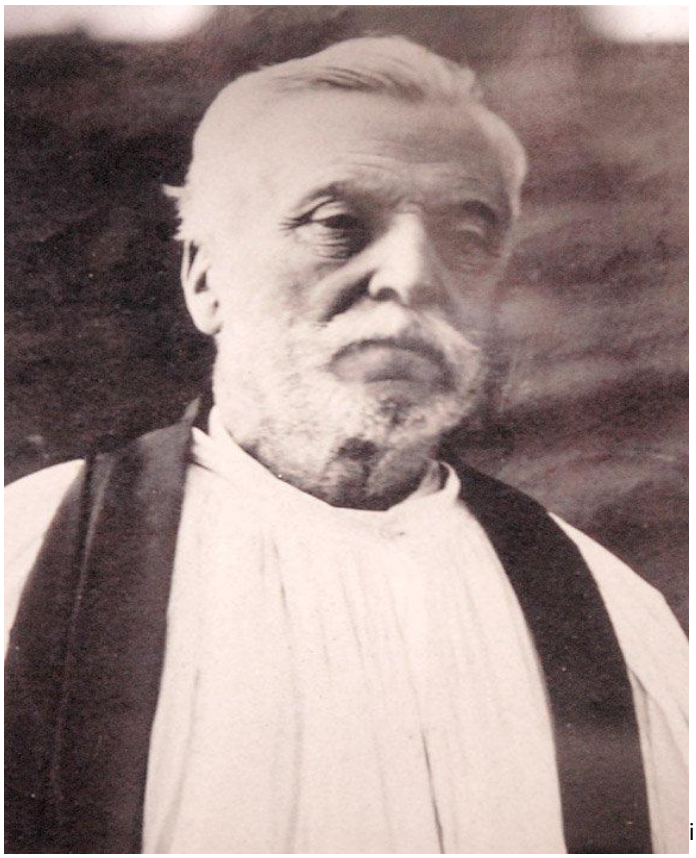
Emmanuel Church, Coloma: Vacant.—(Reported by the Senior Warden.)

Baptisms: adults 4, infants 16, total 20. Communicants: removed 4, present number 3. Marriages 3; Funerals 7. Holy Communion: in public 7 times. Contributions: Parochial purposes, $1,590 00.

Remarks.—As the Wardens of Emmanuel Church, Coloma, we cannot let this opportunity pass without acknowledging the exceeding obligations this Parish is under to our good Bishop. It would be out of place here to detail the adverse circumstances which have conspired within the last year or two to disappoint our hopes of prosperity, and to entail upon us extreme weakness in our temporalities. Suffice it to say, that nothing which the Church could legitimately do was left undone to build her up amongst us. External events, alone peculiar to mining districts in this country, concurred to change our prospects, and to place us into temporal disability as a Church. When in extreme distress, when every hope seemed to be extinguished of preserving our Church from sale for a debt which we could not possibly discharge, the Bishop magnanimously came to our rescue, which resulted to him in no small pecuniary loss. Thus his tender and fostering care as chief pastor, for us as a Church, inflicted upon him no trifling injury. We must here express our own deep regret, as well as that of the entire Parish, that the Bishop is thus a partaker in our adverse fortune. All we can now do is to assure him, that we will always hold ourselves ready and willing to indemnify him for the sacrifice he has made for us, should ever again more favorable circumstances surround us. While we feel really grateful to the Bishop for his kindness and forbearance, and acknowledging the depth of the obligations we are under to him, we will always hold the discharge of the latter not only a duty but also a privilege.

The Rev. C. C. Peirce arrives in Placerville in 1861 and begins preaching in El Dorado County, including the Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Coloma as one of up to twenty-one locations in El Dorado County. The Reverend continued preaching until the year of his death in 1903.

The 1861 *Mt. Democrat's* listings for Churches shows Rev. C. C. Peirce holding services in Placerville and Coloma on the first and third Sundays of the month.

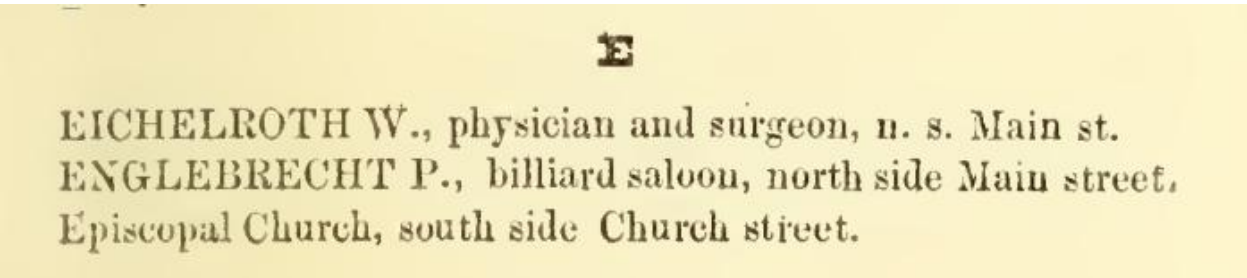
 [iii]

The Reverend Charles Caleb Peirce

In 1862 the Protestant Episcopal Church minutes Reverend C.C. Pierce reports *"that services were held in the Emmanuel Episcopal*

Church on the first and third Sunday evenings of each month with regular attendance of twenty to fifty. We hope to see this beautiful Church building, the only one that we have in this County as yet filled with as in former years by a zealous congregation."

1862 Directory of the City of Placerville, Coloma section.



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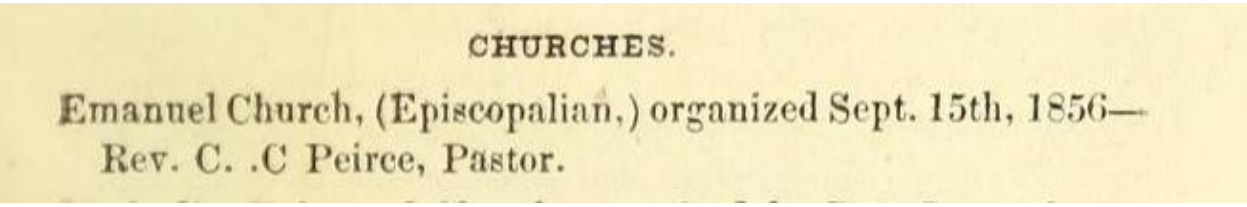
EICHELROTH W., physician and surgeon, n. s. Main st.
ENGLEBRECHT P., billiard saloon, north side Main street.
Episcopal Church, south side Church street.

[iv] *1862 Placerville City Guide*, Coloma Section, page 11. "Three quite good churches buildings, occupied by M.E. Church, the Episcopalian Church, and the Catholic. Church. Emmanuel Church (Episcopalian,) organized Sept. 15, 1856, Rev. C. C. Peirce Pastor.



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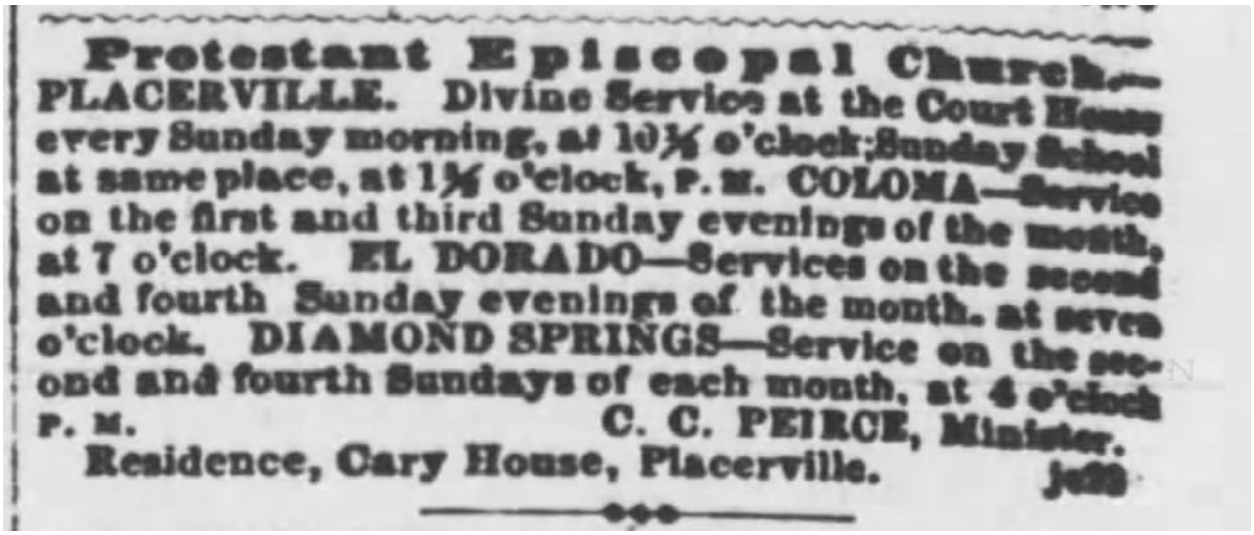

Protestant Episcopal Church.—PLACERVILLE. Divine Service at the Court House every Sunday morning, at 10½ o'clock; Sunday School at same place, at 1½ o'clock, P. M. COLOMA—Service on the first and third Sunday evenings of the month, at 7 o'clock. EL DORADO—Services on the second and fourth Sunday evenings of the month, at seven o'clock. DIAMOND SPRINGS—Service on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, at 4 o'clock P. M.

C. C. PEIRCE, Minister.
Residence, Cary House, Placerville. jn28

Mountain Democrat February 7, 1863

As of 1870 The Methodists are found sharing the use of the Emmanuel Episcopal Church, abandoning their use and interest in the Coloma IOOF Hall. This was documented in the 1928 "Installation Celebration of the dedication of the "Memorial Tablet in Honor of the Methodist Pioneers" at Emmanuel church highlighted the joint use by the Methodist and Episcopalians in 1870.

THE MEMORIAL TABLET

IN MEMORY OF
THE METHODIST PIONEERS
WHO FOUNDED
COLOMA METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE FIRST PROTESTANT CHURCH IN THE MINES
OF CALIFORNIA
THE FOUNDERS
REV. WILLIAM ROBERTS,
SUP'T. OF OREGON - CALIFORNIA MISSION - 1849
REV. ISAAC OWEN,
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ISAAC F. BENNETT, CLASS LEADER - 1849

The tablet is the gift of the California Annual Conference of the Methodist Church. Conference Committee: Rev. Frank K. Baker, Rev. C. A. Richardson, Rev. W. S. Matthew.

COLOMA METHODIST CHURCH

First pastor, Elihu Anthony—1849.

Church organized—1850, Warren Oliver, pastor.

Principal point of a circuit including Diamond Springs, Cold Springs, Uniontown and Coloma in 1855.

In 1866 Coloma was made a part of Georgetown-Coloma circuit.

In 1918 the name was changed to "Placerville Circuit" and ministers of Placerville Methodist Church served as pastors.

Since the federation of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches of Placerville in 1927, the Church has been served by ministers of the El Dorado County Federated Church.

THE CHURCH BUILDING

Erected in 1855 by the Episcopalians.

Became the property of the Methodist Church and extensive repairs made in 1921.

Used by both Episcopalians and Methodists since 1870.

INSTALLATION SERVICE

MEMORIAL TABLET

IN HONOR OF METHODIST PIONEERS

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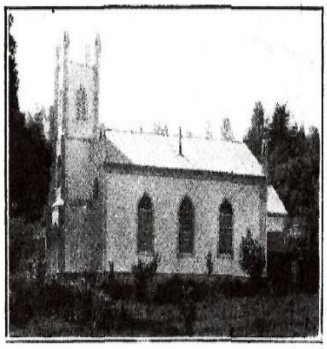
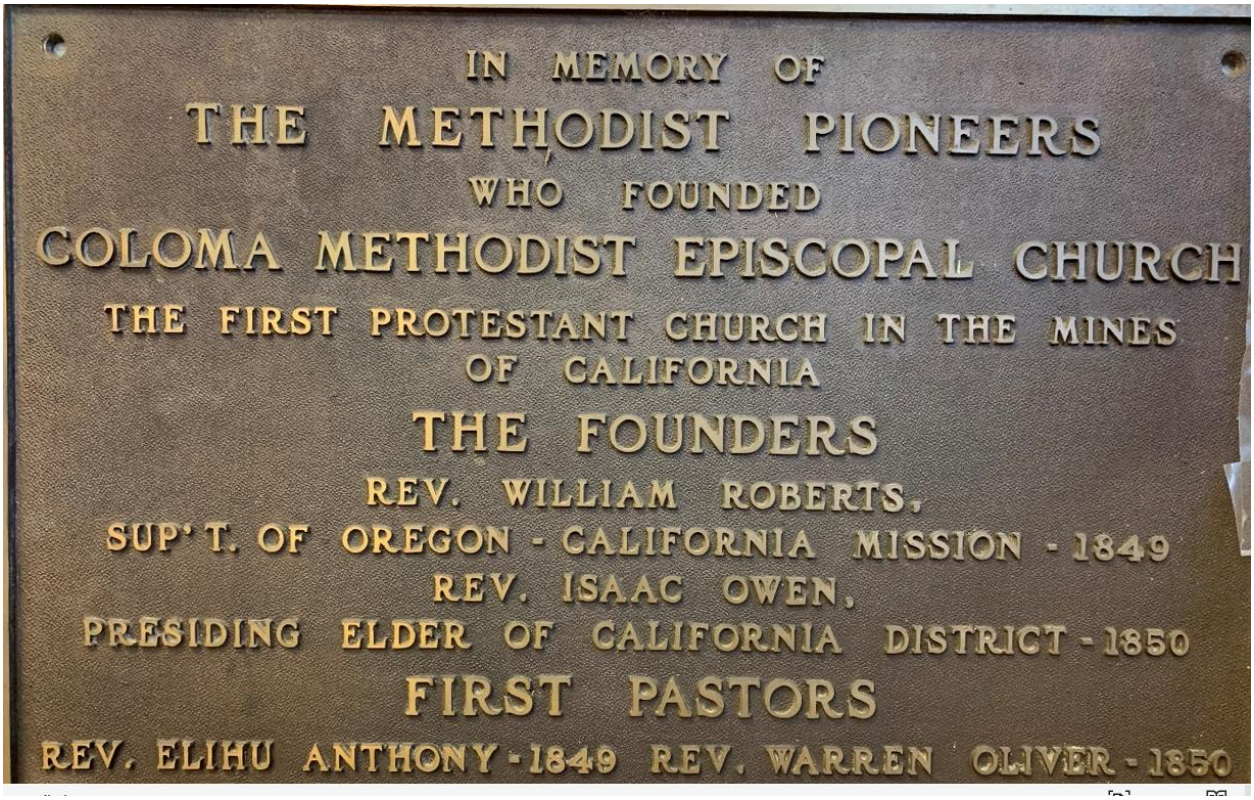


EMMANUEL CHURCH

COLOMA, CALIFORNIA

Sunday Afternoon, June 24, 1928

3:30 o'clock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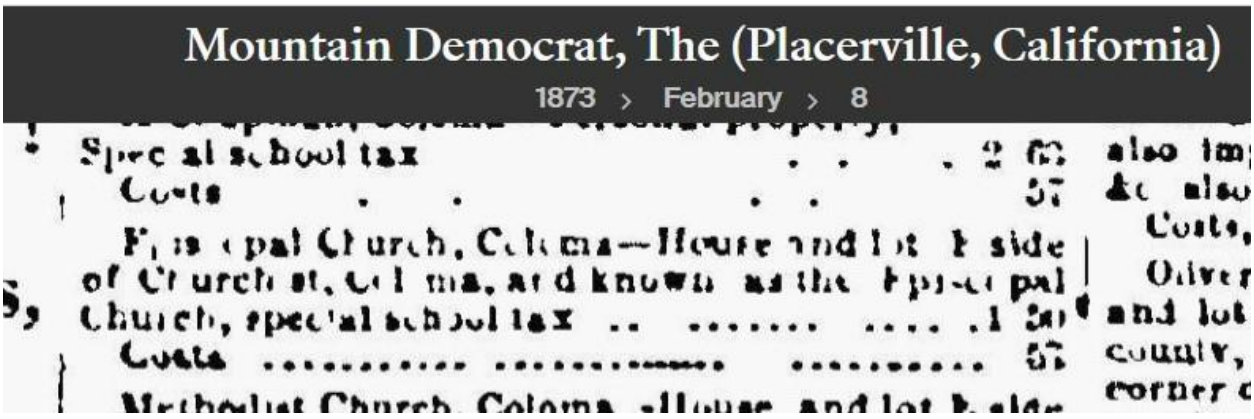
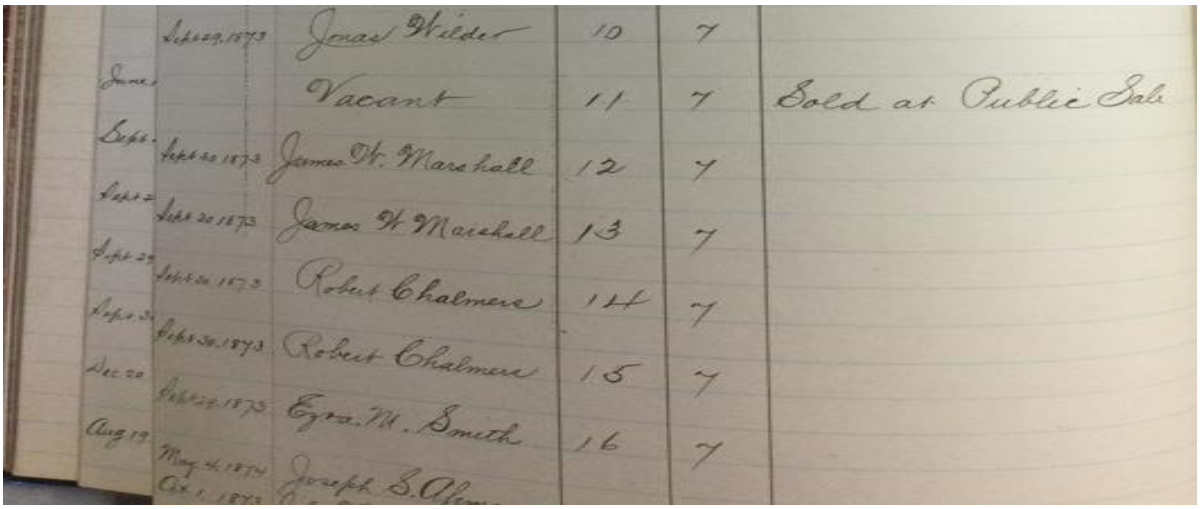
This tablet was placed on the Emmanuel Church by the Methodist California Conference in 1925.

In February 1873, the Emmanuel Church is reported delinquent on taxes and is listed to be sold by El Dorado County at a lien sale.


Mountain Democrat, The (Placerville, California)
1873 › February › 8
Special school tax
Costs
Episcopal Church, Coloma—House and lot
of Church st, Coloma, and known as the Episcopal
Church, special school tax
Costs
Methodist Church, Coloma—House and lot

George Johnson wrote in his diary that during the offical August 16th, 1873 El Dorado County survey of the Town of Coloma, no one from the Church was present to claim the Emmanuel Episcopal Church. As no one showed up to claim the parcel or post past due taxes the land was subsequently claimed by Robert Chalmers.

The official deed logbook of Judge Irwin on page 98 of the official 1873 El Dorado County survey of Coloma shows exactly that, one lot that includes the Emmanuel Church, with that parcel being, lot 14 in block 7.



	Sept 29 1873	Jonas Wilder	10	7	
June		Vacant	11	7	Sold at Public Sale
Sept	Sept 30 1873	James H. Marshall	12	7	
Sept	Sept 30 1873	James H Marshall	13	7	
Sept 29	Sept 30 1873	Robert Chalmers	14	7	
Sept 30	Sept 30 1873	Robert Chalmers	15	7	
Dec 20	Sept 29 1873	Ezra M. Smith	16	7	
Aug 19	May 4 1874	Joseph S. Alem			
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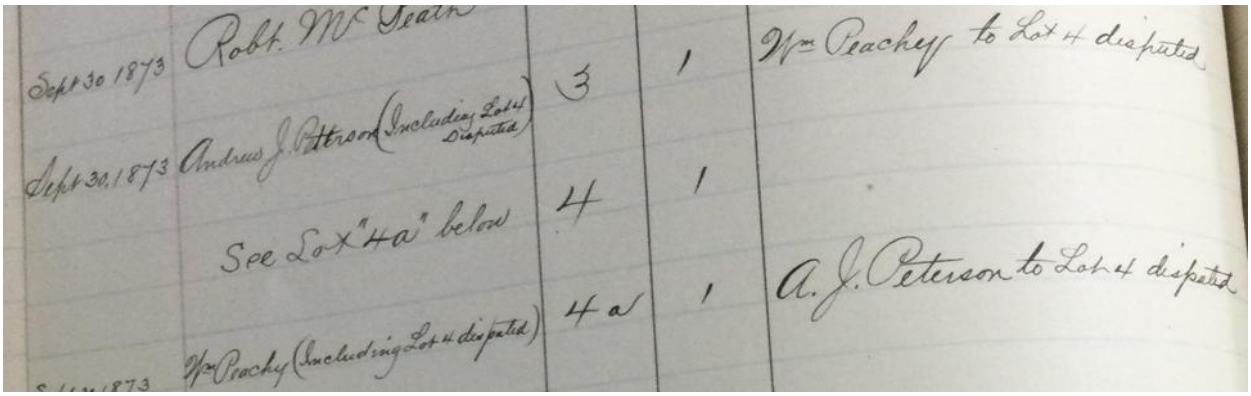
This deed was not contested as Judge Irwin would have noted it as is seen in various other transactions found in Irwin's logbook which he maintained until 1880.



Sept 30 1873	Robt. M. Sears	3	1	Wm Peachey to Lot 4 disputed
Sept 30 1873	Andrew J. Petterson (Including Lot 4 disputed)			
	See Lot "4a" below	4	1	
	Wm Peachy (Including Lot 4 disputed)	4a	1	A. J. Peterson to Lot 4 disputed
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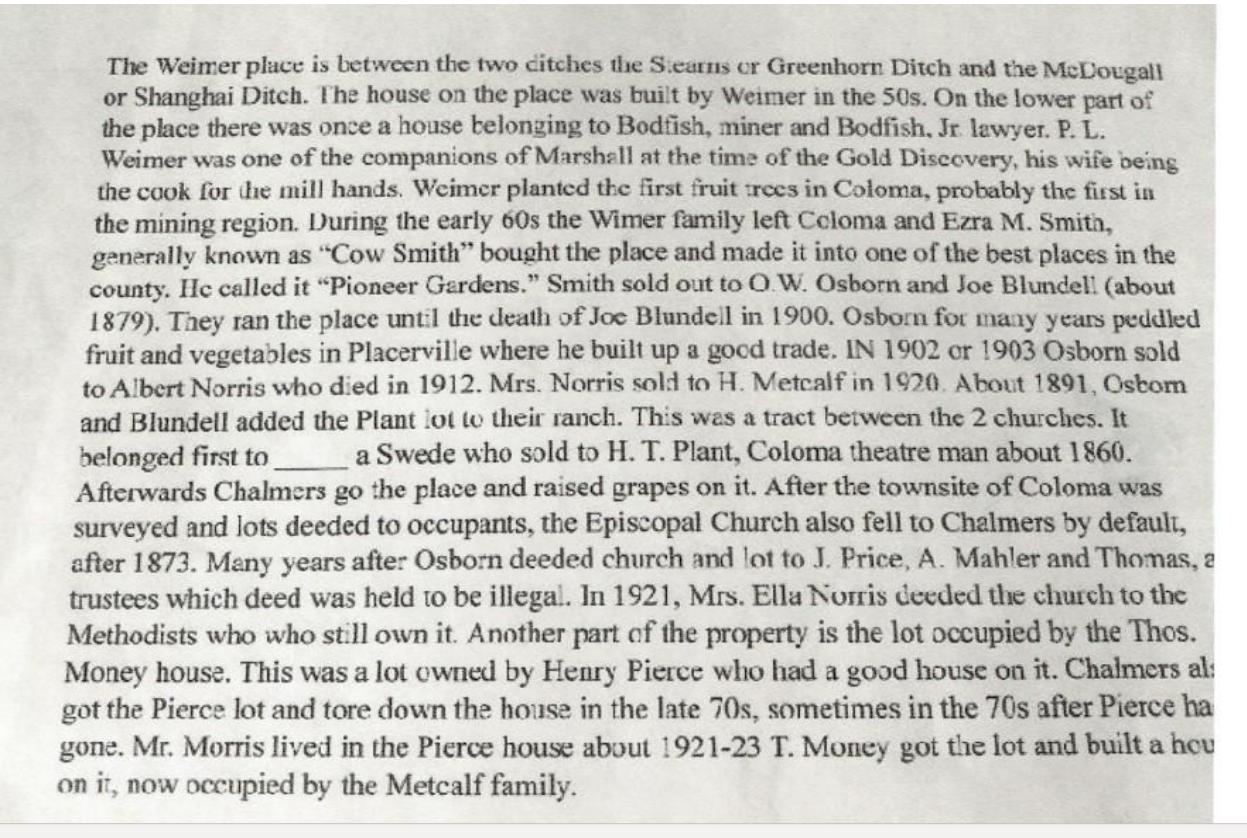
George Johnson’s contemporaneous notes of the area surrounding the Emmanuel church.



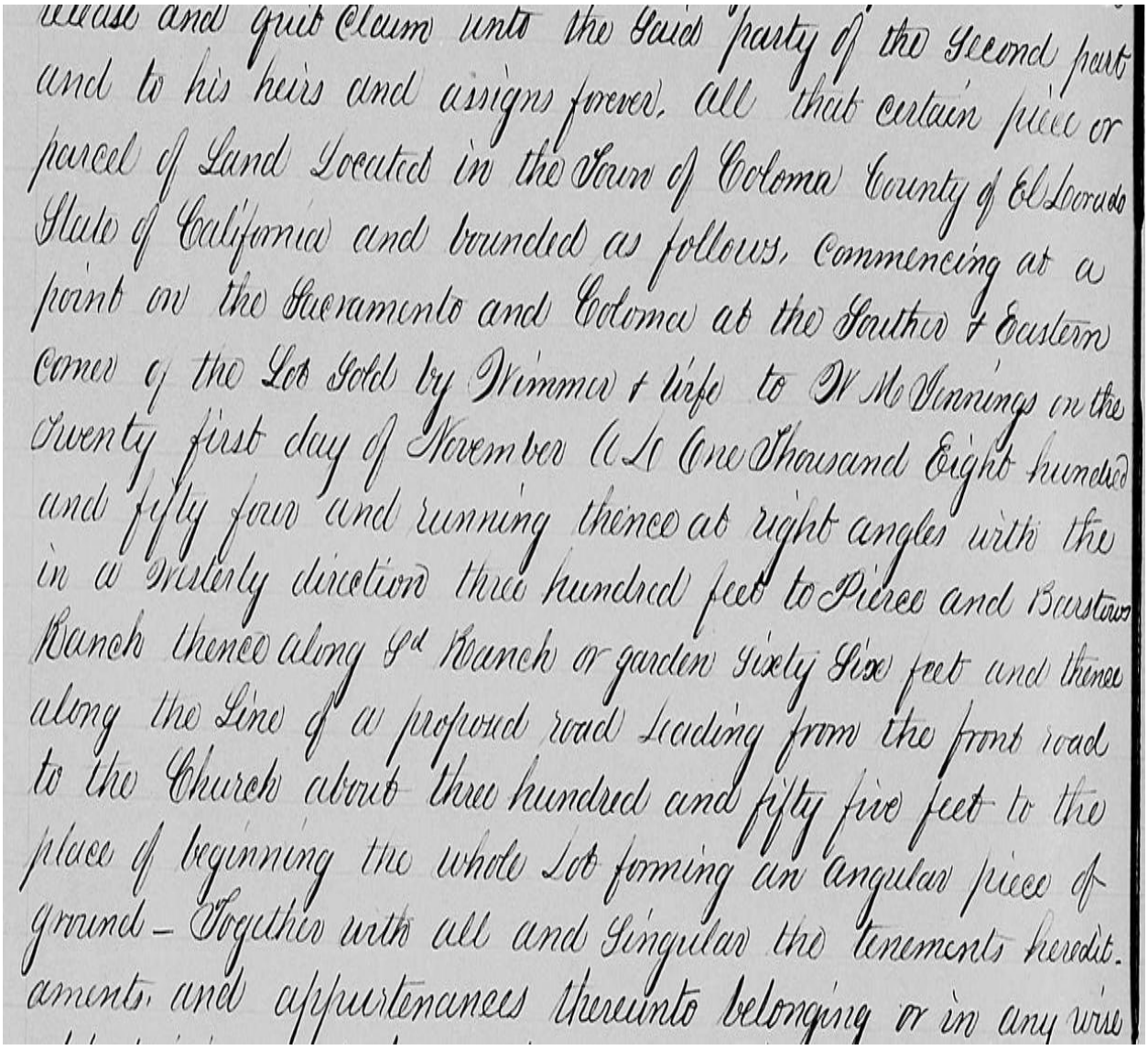
The Weimer place is between the two ditches the Stearns or Greenhorn Ditch and the McDougall or Shanghai Ditch. The house on the place was built by Weimer in the 50s. On the lower part of the place there was once a house belonging to Bodfish, miner and Bodfish, Jr. lawyer. P. L. Weimer was one of the companions of Marshall at the time of the Gold Discovery, his wife being the cook for the mill hands. Weimer planted the first fruit trees in Coloma, probably the first in the mining region. During the early 60s the Wimer family left Coloma and Ezra M. Smith, generally known as “Cow Smith” bought the place and made it into one of the best places in the county. He called it “Pioneer Gardens.” Smith sold out to O.W. Osborn and Joe Blundell (about 1879). They ran the place until the death of Joe Blundell in 1900. Osborn for many years peddled fruit and vegetables in Placerville where he built up a good trade. IN 1902 or 1903 Osborn sold to Albert Norris who died in 1912. Mrs. Norris sold to H. Metcalf in 1920. About 1891, Osborn and Blundell added the Plant lot to their ranch. This was a tract between the 2 churches. It belonged first to _____ a Swede who sold to H. T. Plant, Coloma theatre man about 1860. Afterwards Chalmers go the place and raised grapes on it. After the townsite of Coloma was surveyed and lots deeded to occupants, the Episcopal Church also fell to Chalmers by default, after 1873. Many years after Osborn deeded church and lot to J. Price, A. Mahler and Thomas, a trustees which deed was held to be illegal. In 1921, Mrs. Ella Norris deeded the church to the Methodists who who still own it. Another part of the property is the lot occupied by the Thos. Money house. This was a lot owned by Henry Pierce who had a good house on it. Chalmers al got the Pierce lot and tore down the house in the late 70s, sometimes in the 70s after Pierce ha gone. Mr. Morris lived in the Pierce house about 1921-23 T. Money got the lot and built a hou on it, now occupied by the Metcalf family.

No record of lien sale for the Emmanuel church has been found in the El Dorado County Recorders /Clerks office records that would indicate how the Emmanuel church property was combined with the surrounding Chalmers property into Lot 14 of Block 7.

Why during the El Dorado County official land survey in 1873 the Emmanuel Church was placed in/on Lot 14, Block 7 and not listed as its own lot(s) as the original deed from the Nichols and Wimmer families would indicate, can only be speculation. However, Robert Chalmers had previously purchased the Wimmer and Merrill properties that surrounded the Emmanuel Church and these were

then included in the area plotted onto Lots 14 and 15, Block 7 during the same 1873 survey.

At the time of the survey by the County the Methodists had been jointly using the Emmanuel church with Episcopals for three years alternating service time with the Rev. C.C. Peirce.



release and quit Claim unto the said party of the second part and to his heirs and assigns forever. all that certain piece or parcel of Land Located in the Town of Coloma County of El Dorado State of California and bounded as follows, Commencing at a point on the Sacramento and Coloma at the Southern & Eastern corner of the Lot Sold by Wimmer & Wife to W. McJennings on the twenty first day of November A.D. One Thousand Eight hundred and fifty four and running thence at right angles with the in a Westerly direction three hundred feet to Pierce and Barstows Ranch thence along Said Ranch or garden Sixty Six feet and thence along the Line of a proposed road Leading from the front road to the Church about three hundred and fifty five feet to the place of beginning the whole Lot forming an angular piece of ground – Together with all and Singular the tenements hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise

Prior Wimmer deed to Robert Chalmers for Lot 14, Block 7

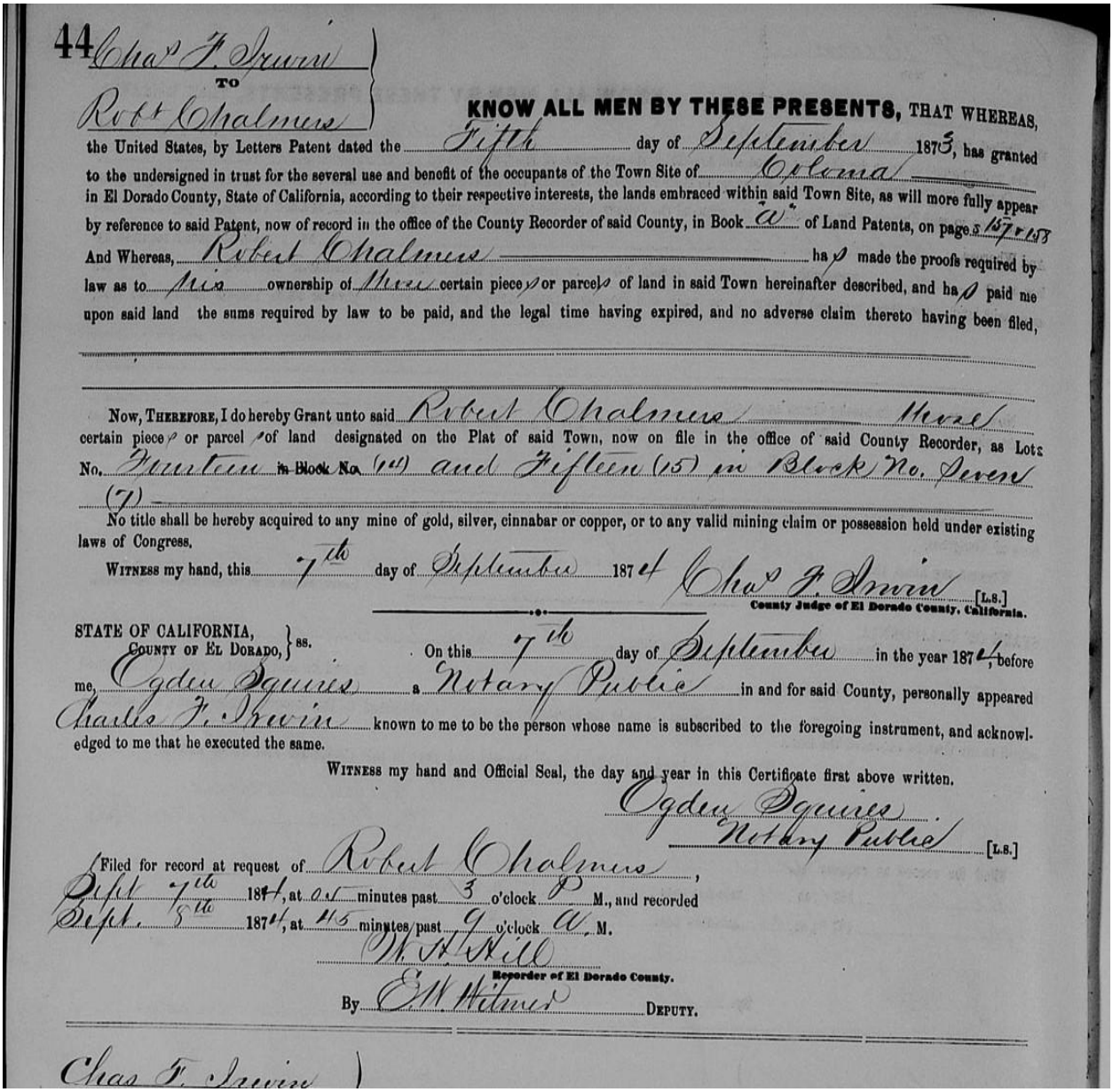
Oliver S Merrill
to
Robert Chalmers

This Indenture made the Seventh day of October A.D. One Thousand Eight hundred and Sixty nine, Between Oliver S Merrill of the Town of Colma County of Eldorado State of California party of the first part and Robert Chalmers of Same Town County and State of the Second part. Witnesseth That the said party of the first part, for and in Consideration of the sum of Eight Hundred dollars lawful money of the United States of America, to him in hand paid by the said party of the Second part, at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, Has granted, bargained, sold, Conveyed and Confirmed and by these presents Doth grant Bargain Sell Convey and Confirm unto the said party of the Second part and to his heirs and Assigns forever. All that certain piece or parcel of Land Situate lying and being in the Town of Colma County of Eldorado and State of California and bounded as follows. Commencing at the east corner of No. 13. Pierce's lot and dwelling on Church Street. Thence running in an easterly direction along the line of said Street to Corner of the Episcopal Church lot. Thence in a Southerly direction to West corner of said lot Thence in an easterly direction to West corner of said lot) to line of E M Smiths fence. Thence in a southerly direction along said line to the Alley. Thence fence and line Thence following said fence and line in a westerly direction to the lot belonging to the Catholic Church, Thence in a Northerly direction to the Corner of No. 13 Pierce's lot. Thence easterly to the South Corner of said lot Thence northerly to place of beginning Containing about five acres more or less together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining. And the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents issues and profits thereof; And also all the estate, right title and interest property possession, claim and demand whatsoever, as well in law as in equity, of the said party of the first part, of in or to the above described premises, and every part and parcel thereof, with the appurtenances. To Have and To Hold All and Singular, the above mentioned and described premises together with the appurtenances unto the said party of the Second part his heirs and Assigns forever.
In Witness whereof, the said party of the first part has hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written. "U.S.R. Stamps pies Cancelled"

Oliver S Merrill [seal]

State of California }

Prior deed from Judge Oliver Merrill to Robert Chalmers for Lot 15, Block 7



44 Chas F. Irwin
TO
Robt Chalmers

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT WHEREAS, the United States, by Letters Patent dated the Fifth day of September 1873, has granted to the undersigned in trust for the several use and benefit of the occupants of the Town Site of Coloma in El Dorado County, State of California, according to their respective interests, the lands embraced within said Town Site, as will more fully appear by reference to said Patent, now of record in the office of the County Recorder of said County, in Book "A" of Land Patents, on page 157 & 158 And Whereas, Robert Chalmers has made the proofs required by law as to his ownership of Mines certain piece or parcel of land in said Town hereinafter described, and has paid me upon said land the sums required by law to be paid, and the legal time having expired, and no adverse claim thereto having been filed,

Now, THEREFORE, I do hereby Grant unto said Robert Chalmers Mines certain piece or parcel of land designated on the Plat of said Town, now on file in the office of said County Recorder, as Lots No. Fourteen in Block No. (14) and Fifteen (15) in Block No. Seven (7)

No title shall be hereby acquired to any mine of gold, silver, cinnabar or copper, or to any valid mining claim or possession held under existing laws of Congress.

WITNESS my hand, this 7th day of September 1874 Chas F. Irwin [L.S.]
County Judge of El Dorado County, California.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF EL DORADO, } ss. On this 7th day of September in the year 1874, before me, Ogden Squires a Notary Public in and for said County, personally appeared Charles F. Irwin known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

WITNESS my hand and Official Seal, the day and year in this Certificate first above written.

Ogden Squires
Notary Public [L.S.]

Filed for record at request of Robert Chalmers,
Sept 7th 1874, at 05 minutes past 3 o'clock P M., and recorded
Sept. 8th 1874, at 15 minutes past 9 o'clock A M.

W. A. Hill
Recorder of El Dorado County.
By E. M. Holmes DEPUTY.

Chas F. Irwin)

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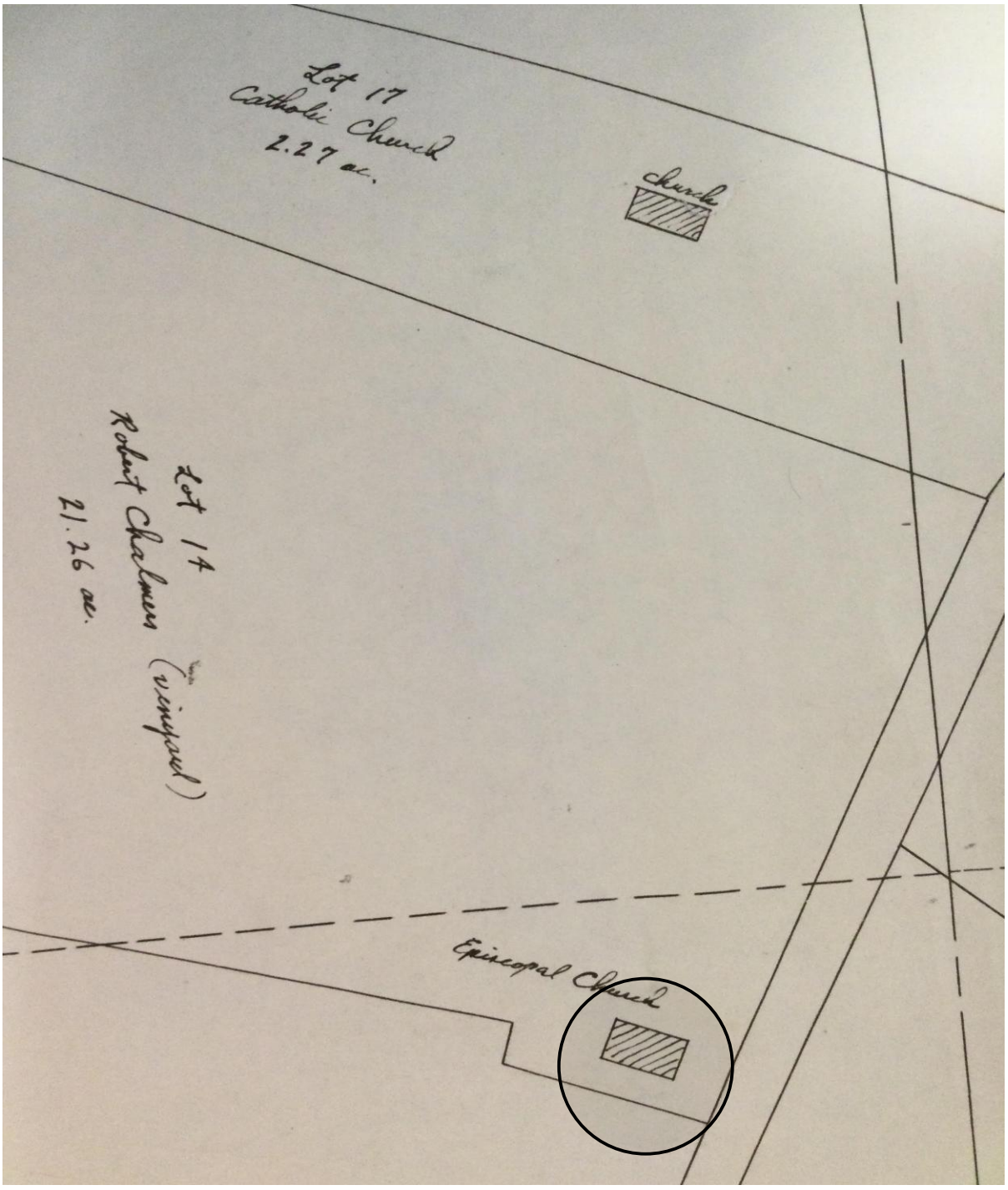
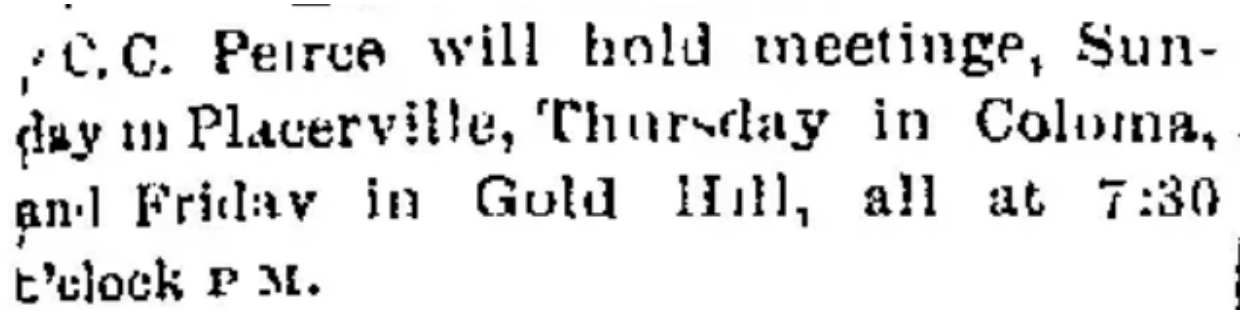
On September 7th, 1873, Robert Chalmers previously purchased lands were recorded in Judge Irwin's logbook and with the County Recorder/Clerk as being deeded both Lot 14 and 15 in Block 7. This deed includes Emmanuel Church lot that was incorporated into Lot 14, Block 7. During the 1873 official survey of Coloma the church was located within Lot 14 and not given its own lot number. This coincides with George Johnson comments.



1873 County Survey Map showing Lot 14, Block 7, that includes the Emmanuel Episcopal Church.

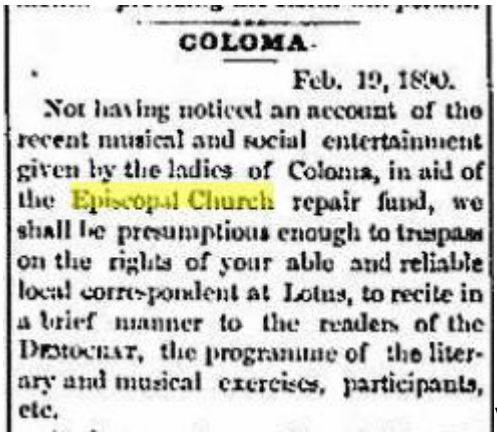
After the Emmanuel Church was incorporated into the Chalmers property (lot 14, block 7) the church was continually used by Rev. Peirce as listed in the November 1879 newspaper church schedule as well as by the Methodists under various pastors.



C. C. Peirce will hold meetinge, Sunday in Placerville, Thursday in Coloma, and Friday in Gold Hill, all at 7:30 o'clock P M.

March 1889, listing of church services with the Rev. C.C. Peirce

The Mountain Democrat in February 1890 highlights the fundraising Musical and Social event to raise funds for the Emmanuel Church repair fund that had been planned since 1889.



COLOMA.

Feb. 19, 1890.

Not having noticed an account of the recent musical and social entertainment given by the ladies of Coloma, in aid of the Episcopal Church repair fund, we shall be presumptious enough to trespass on the rights of your able and reliable local correspondent at Lotus, to recite in a brief manner to the readers of the DEMOCRAT, the programme of the literary and musical exercises, participants, etc.

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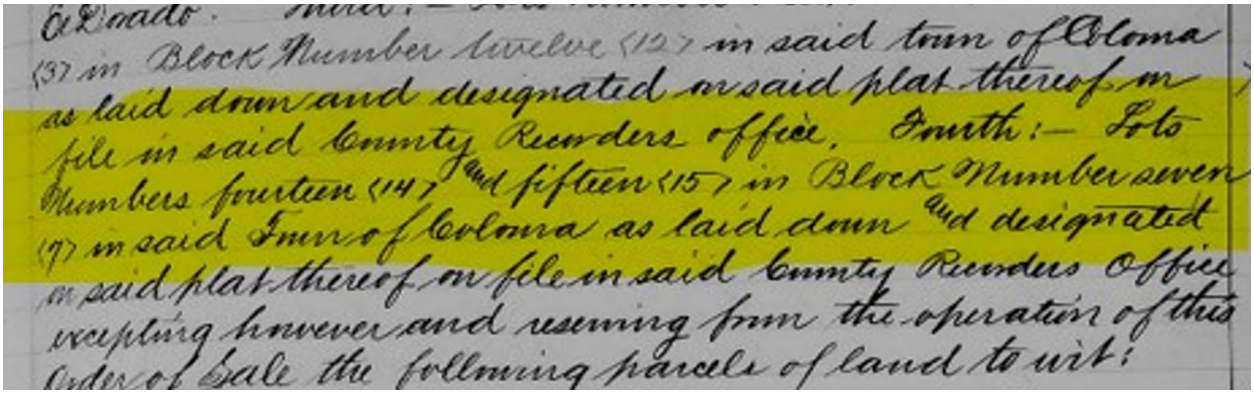
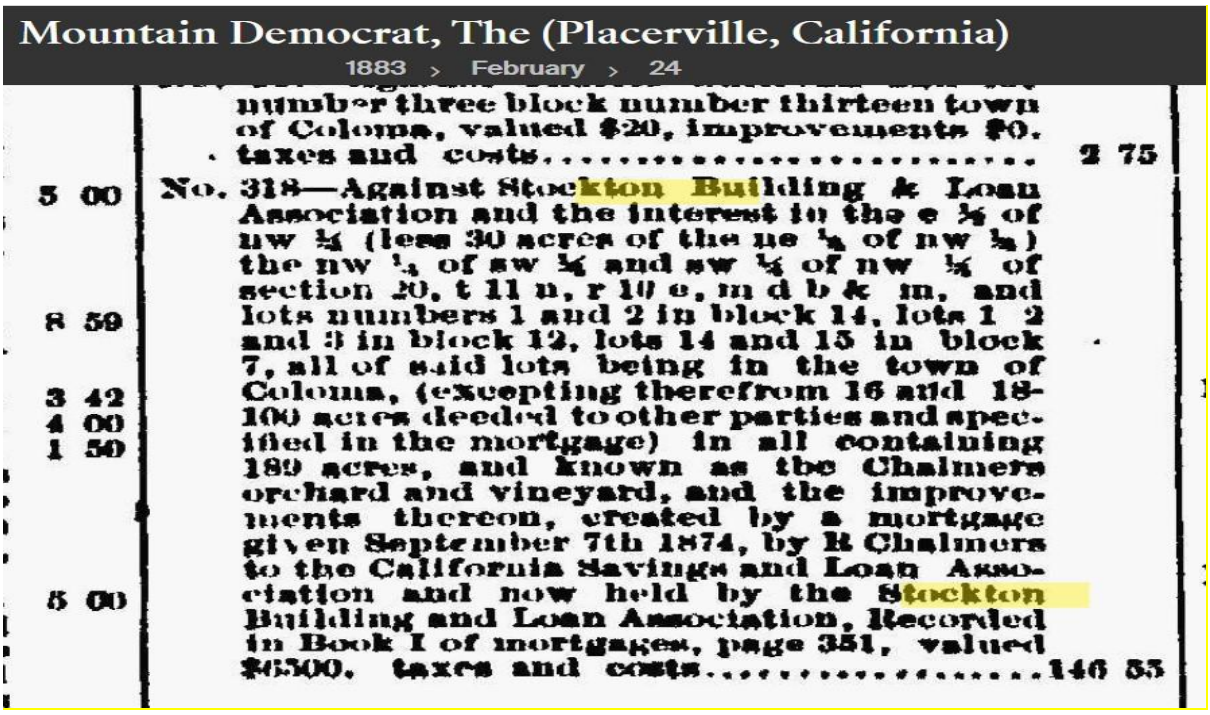
After the death of Robert Chalmers in 1881, the Stockton Building and Loan Association, the bank that held the notes for the Chalmers properties receives Lot 14 & 15, Block 7, which included the Emmanuel Church during a Probate court hearing in El Dorado County, this was awarded in lieu of payment for past due mortgages.

Thos. A. Galt Sheriff
To
The Stockton Building and Loan Assn

This Indenture made this 15th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty six Between Thos. A. Galt Sheriff of the County of El Dorado State of California the party of the first part and The Stockton Building and Loan Association the party of the second part. Witnesseth. Whereas in and by a certain judgment or Decree rendered by the Superior Court of the County of El Dorado State of California on the thirtieth day of September 1882 and entered on the eighteenth day of October 1882 in a certain action then pending in said Court wherein The Stockton Building and Loan Association was Plaintiff and George Chalmers and Louisa M. Chalmers Executor and Executrix of the last Will and Testament of Robert Chalmers defendant and of which said judgment or decree a certified copy was delivered to said party of the first part as such Sheriff for execution it was among other things ordered adjudged and decreed that all and singular the Mortgaged premises described in the complaint in said action and specifically described in said judgment or decree be sold at public auction by the Sheriff of the County of El Dorado in the manner required by law and according to the course and practice of said Court: that such sale be made at public auction for cash and that said Sheriff execute the usual certificate and deeds to the purchaser or purchasers as required by law. And Whereas the said Sheriff did at the hour of Two o'clock P. M. on the twelfth day of February 1883 after due public notice had been given as required by the laws of this State and the course and practice of said Court duly sell at public auction in front of the Court House in the City of Placerville County of El Dorado agreeably to the said judgment or decree and the provisions of law, the premises in the said decree or judgment mentioned at which sale the portion of said premises in said judgment or decree and hereinafter described were fairly struck off to the said Stockton Building and Loan Association the said party



(37) in Block Number twelve (12) in said town of Coloma as laid down and designated on said plat thereof on file in said County Recorders office. South:- Lots Numbers fourteen (14) and fifteen (15) in Block Number seven (7) in said Town of Coloma as laid down and designated on said plat thereof on file in said County Recorders Office excepting however and reserving from the operation of this Order of Sale the following parcels of land to wit:



Mountain Democrat, The (Placerville, California)

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	number three block number thirteen town of Coloma, valued $20, improvements $0. taxes and costs..... 2 75
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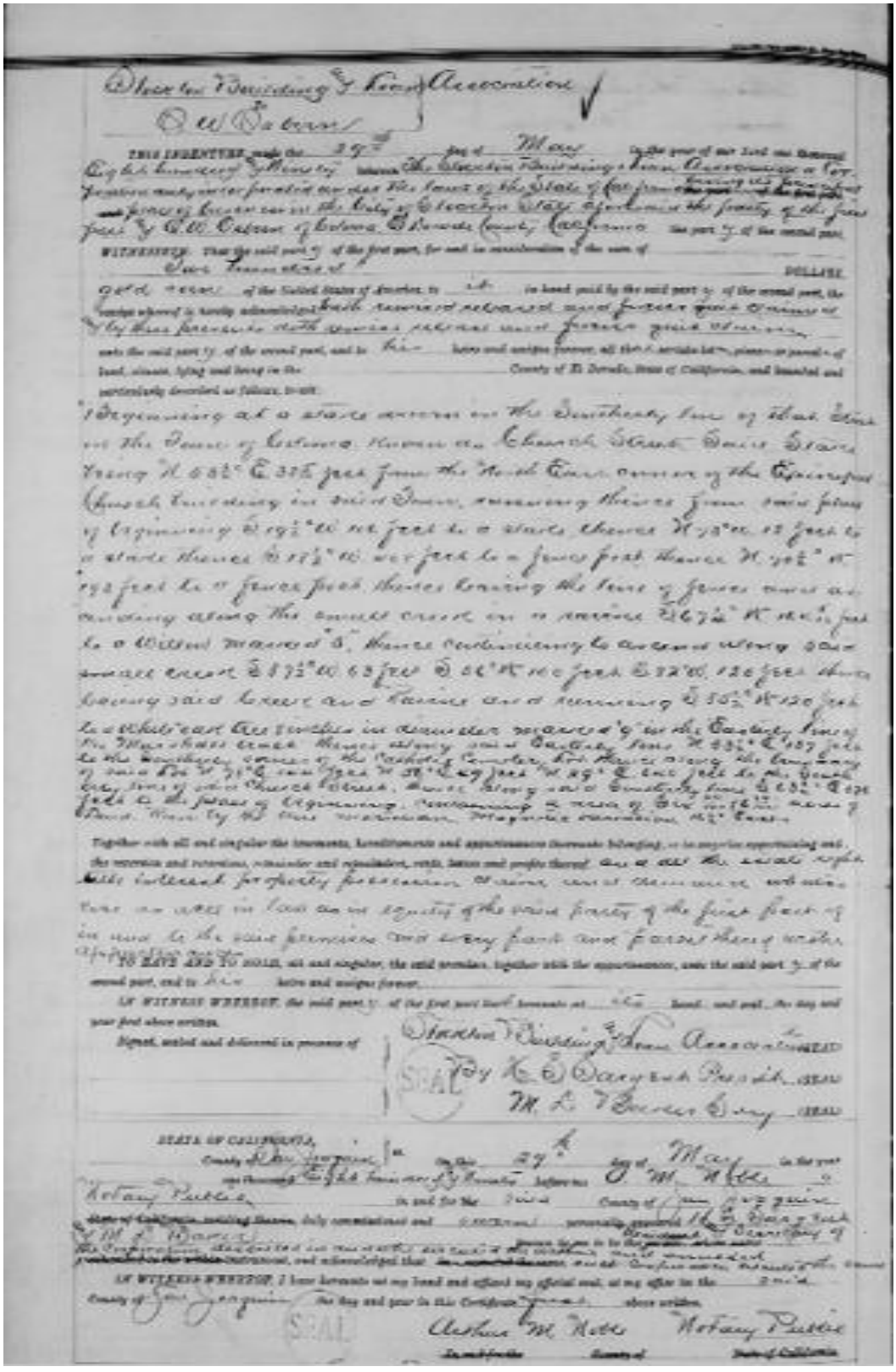
8 59	lots numbers 1 and 2 in block 14, lots 1 2 and 3 in block 12, lots 14 and 15 in block
3 42	7, all of said lots being in the town of
4 00	Coloma, (excepting therefrom 16 and 18-
1 50	100 acres deeded to other parties and specified in the mortgage) in all containing 189 acres, and known as the Chalmers orchard and vineyard, and the improvements thereon, created by a mortgage given September 7th 1874, by R Chalmers to the California Savings and Loan Asso-
5 00	ciation and now held by the Stockton Building and Loan Association, Recorded in Book I of mortgages, page 351, valued $6500. taxes and costs.....146 55

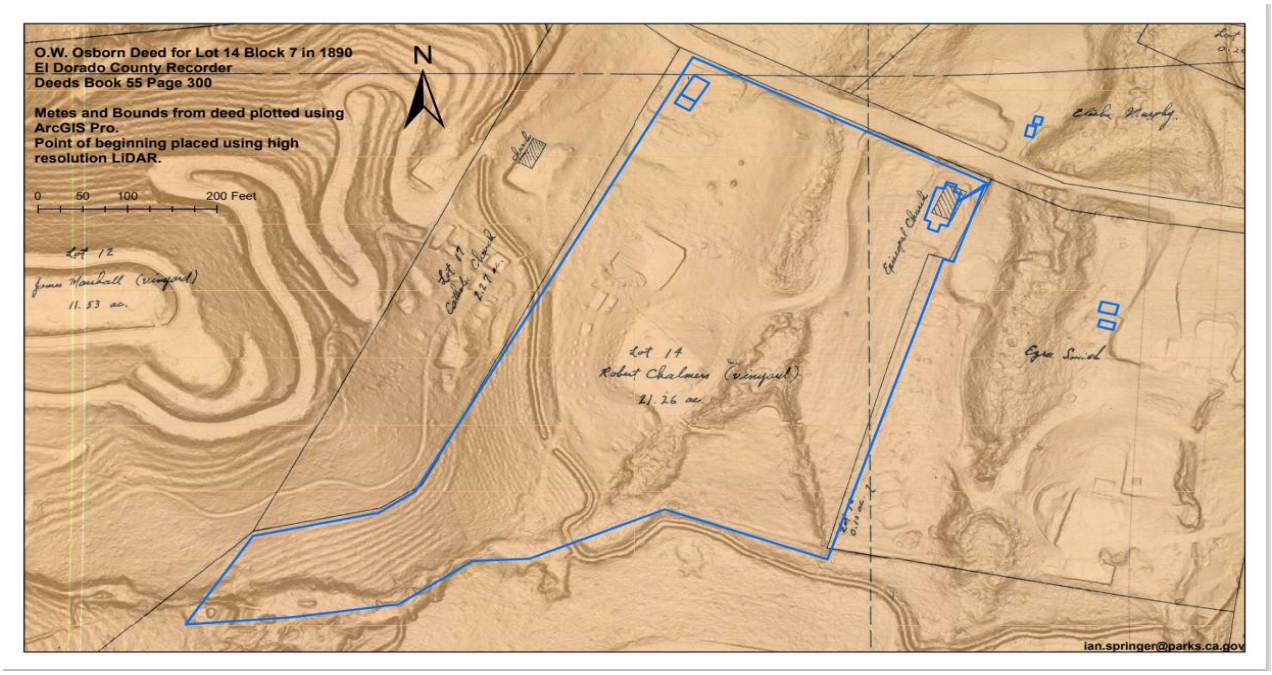
After the 1873 survey the Emmanuel Episcopal church was never again listed for being in arrears for taxes however the lot that included the Emmanuel church, Lot 14, Block 7, was periodically listed in arrears after the death of Robert Chalmers until its purchase by Oscar Osborn. The Stockton Building and Loan Association held these properties until a sale to Oscar Osborne that occurred in May 1890.

Emmanuel church as shown of modern parcel map.



May 29, 1890, Purchase of Lots 14 and 15 by Oscar Osborn.

Rather than describe the property as Lot 14, Block 7 as when acquired by Oscar Osborn in 1890 during probate court, the lot was professionally surveyed prior to sale by the Stockton Building and Loan Association. However, when plotted onto the map of Church Street it is the same as Lot 14, Block 7 as shown on the map below leaving no doubt to properties owned by Robert Chalmers prior to his death.



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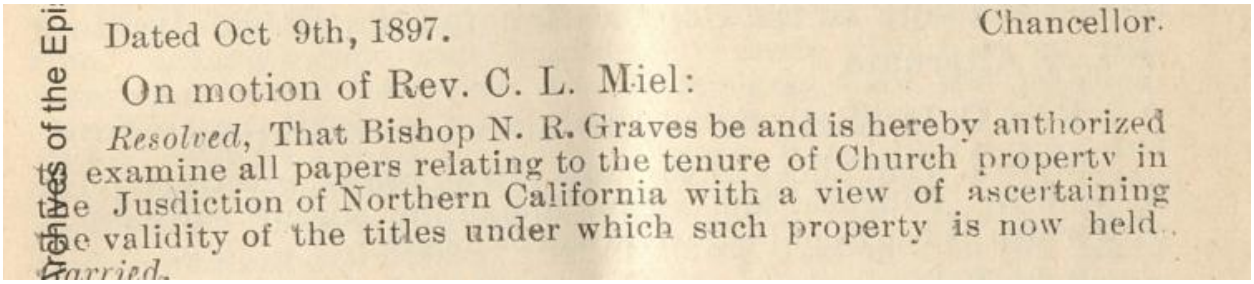
The property titles of all Episcopal Methodist church properties was a topic during the October 1897, Twenty-Third Annual Missionary

District of Northern California, Episcopal Convocation. The Coloma church property being one of those in question.



Dated Oct 9th, 1897. Chancellor.

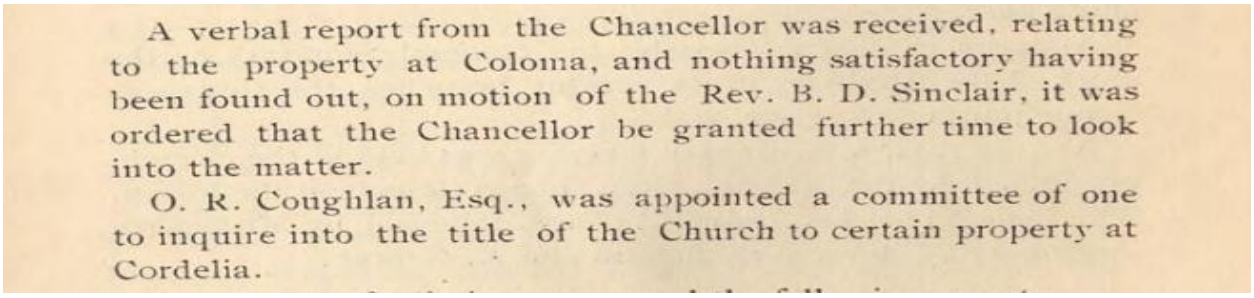
On motion of Rev. C. L. Miel:

Resolved, That Bishop N. R. Graves be and is hereby authorized to examine all papers relating to the tenure of Church property in the Jusdiction of Northern California with a view of ascertaining the validity of the titles under which such property is now held.

Carried.

Information was asked in reference to a Church property at Coloma, ElDorado county, said to have been consecrated by Bishop Kip.

A year later during the May 1898, Journal of Proceedings of the Twenty-Fourth Annual Missionary District of Northern California, Episcopal Convocation held in Santa Rosa, as the following was recorded in the minutes regarding the Emmanuel church.



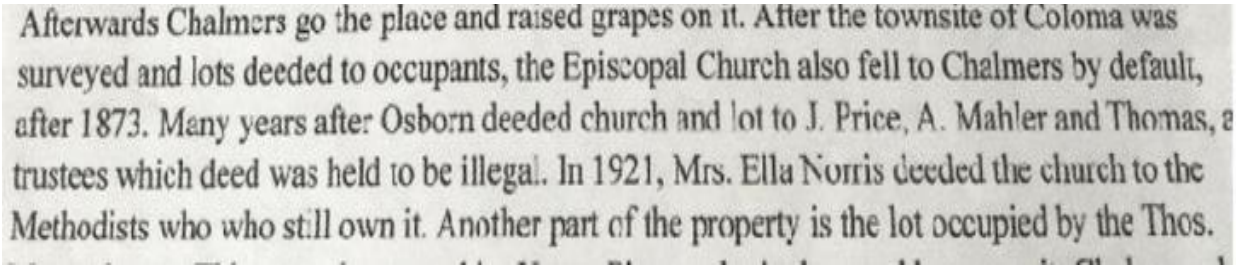
A verbal report from the Chancellor was received, relating to the property at Coloma, and nothing satisfactory having been found out, on motion of the Rev. B. D. Sinclair, it was ordered that the Chancellor be granted further time to look into the matter.

O. R. Coughlan, Esq., was appointed a committee of one to inquire into the title of the Church to certain property at Cordelia.

During the October 1899 Convocation of the 25th Missionary Jurisdiction of Northern California, held in Sacramento and the

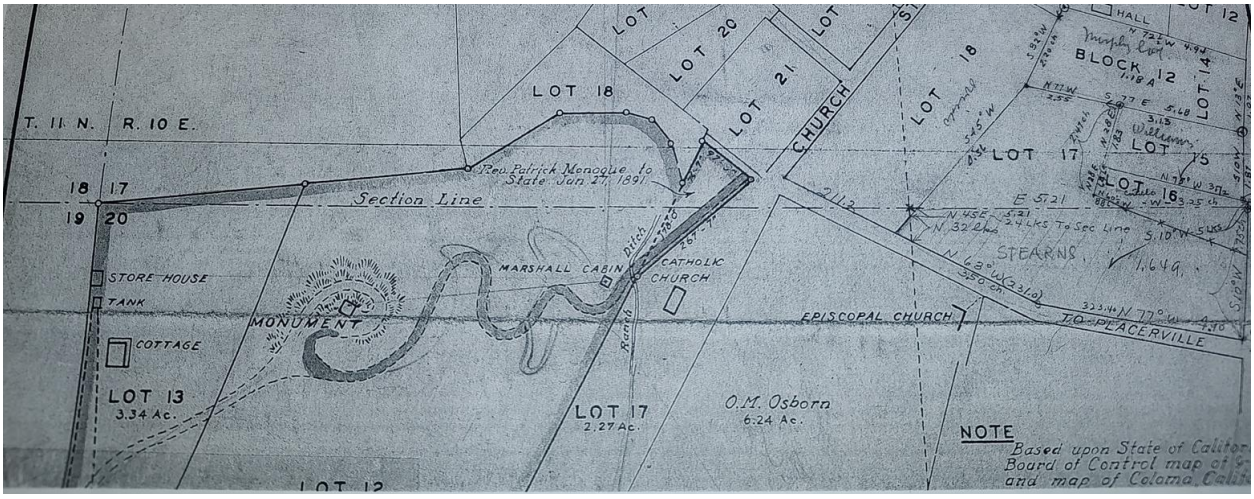
following years up to the death of Reverend Peirce the Convocation's Journals of Proceedings fail to address the Emmanuel church in Coloma.

George Johnson recorded in his diary notes on Coloma that Oscar Osborn had attempted to deed the property to Trustees of Emmanuel Episcopal Church but was deemed illegal.


Afterwards Chalmers go the place and raised grapes on it. After the townsite of Coloma was surveyed and lots deeded to occupants, the Episcopal Church also fell to Chalmers by default, after 1873. Many years after Osborn deeded church and lot to J. Price, A. Mahler and Thomas, a trustees which deed was held to be illegal. In 1921, Mrs. Ella Norris deeded the church to the Methodists who who still own it. Another part of the property is the lot occupied by the Thos.

No official records of this transaction have been located; however, the Mountain Democrat reports on March 19, 1898, reports "O.W. Osborne was in Placerville at the Courthouse the first of the week." This being two weeks prior to the Chancellor's report during the Convocation in Santa Rosa relating to the Coloma church property.

Oscar's only properties in Coloma were those that he had purchased from the Stockton Building and Loan, which were lots 14 & 15 in block 7, previously having been owned by Robert Chalmers.



Bancroft map showing Osborn property that includes the Emmanuel Church.

On May 13, 1901, Albert Norris purchased the old Chalmers property consisting of Lots 14 & 15, Block 7, which included the Emmanuel Episcopal Church from Oscar Osborn. The description of this property is identical to that of the land pervious described and owned by Robert Chalmers, and the Stockton Building and Loan Association.

Oscar W Osborn } Grantor ✓
Albert W. Merrie }

THIS INDENTURE, made this 13th day of May A.D. 1901 between Oscar W. Osborn of Coloma, in the County of El Dorado, State of California the part y of the first part, and Albert W. Merrie of said County & State the part y of the second part,

WITNESSETH: That the said part y of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Five Hundred DOLLARS, Gold Coin of the United States of America, to Him in hand paid by the said part y of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained and sold, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents does grant, bargain and sell, convey and confirm, unto the said part y of the second part, and to his heirs and assigns forever, all those certain lots, pieces or parcels of land, situate, lying and being in the County of El Dorado, State of California, and bounded and particularly described as follows, to-wit:

First: That certain lot of land situate in said County of El Dorado and bounded, as follows, to wit: Beginning at a stake & stone in the eastern line of that Street, in the town of Coloma known as Church Street and which bears N 0°30' E 3.50 feet from the northeast corner of the Episcopal Church building on said town running thence from said place of beginning S 89° W 100 feet to a stake, thence N 1°30' E 150 feet to a stake, thence S 89° E 100 feet to the fence post thence N 1°30' W 150 feet to a fence post thence along the line of fence running along the south end one rod to a stake & stone marked X thence continuing along said line S 89° W 12 feet S 0°30' W 100 feet S 89° W 88 feet thence leaving said corner one rod running N 89° W 100 feet to a white oak tree 3 inches diameter marked X on the East side one of the Northeast most thence along said marked line N 35° E 87 feet to the South-erly corner of the Catholic cemetery lot thence along the boundary of said lot N 31° E one foot N 0° E 99 feet to the Southerly line of said Church Street thence along said southerly line S 89° E 97 feet to the place of beginning containing 1/2 acre the same being the above described being same by the true meridian magnetic variation 18° East.

Second: One undivided one half interest being all of the right title and interest of the said party of the first part of in and to the following described property situate in said County of El Dorado, State of California, bounded & described as follows, to wit: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Catholic Church building on said Church Street running thence from said place of beginning West one rod to a stake & stone thence South 100 feet to a stake & stone thence East one rod to a stake & stone thence North 100 feet to the place of beginning containing one rod square the same being the same premises described by E. M. Smith to Oscar W. Osborn and recorded in Book of Deeds at page 173 reference thereto being hereby made.

Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in anywise appertaining and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, all and singular, the said premises, together with the appurtenances, unto the said part y of the second part, and to his heirs and assigns forever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said part y of the first part have hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of

Oscar W. Osborn (SEAL)

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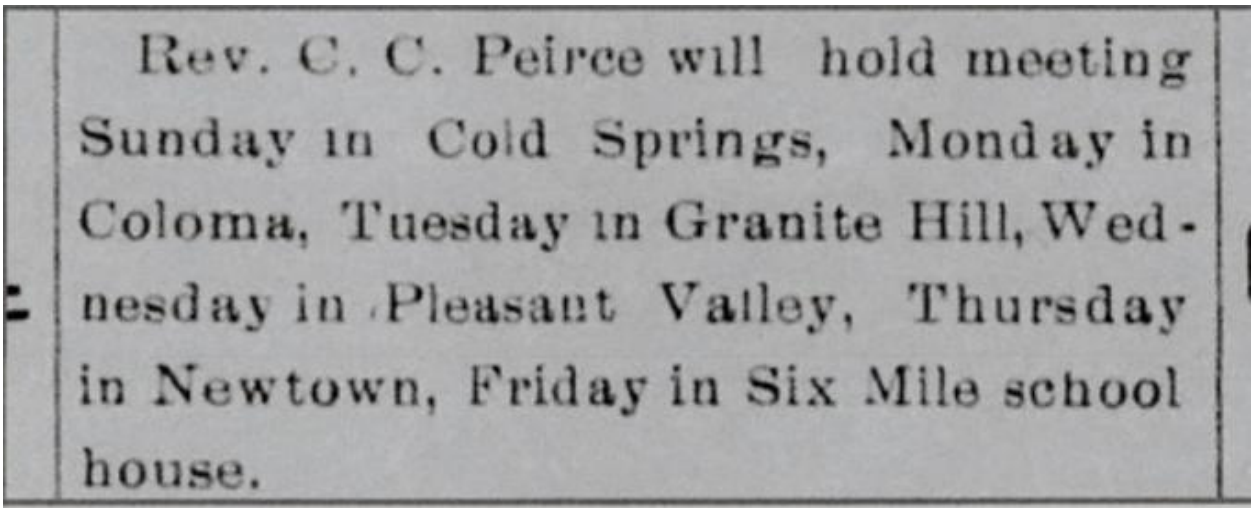


Rev. C. C. Peirce will hold meeting Sunday in Cold Springs, Monday in Coloma, Tuesday in Granite Hill, Wednesday in Pleasant Valley, Thursday in Newtown, Friday in Six Mile school house.

July 1901, Rev. Peirce to hold service at the Emmanuel Church in Coloma continuing his forty-year tradition of utilizing the Emmanual Church.

After the death of Reverend C. C. Peirce in 1903 the Episcopalians did not provide a minister for years of 1905 to 1907. Sporadically there were some pastors from the Placerville Church of Our Savior Episcopal Church, gradually the El Dorado County circuit became abandoned including the Emmanuel Church in Coloma leaving only the Church of Our Savior. Although the Episcopal Church may have sporadically used the Emmanuel Church after the death of Rev. C. C. Peirce in 1903 their use was not well documented.

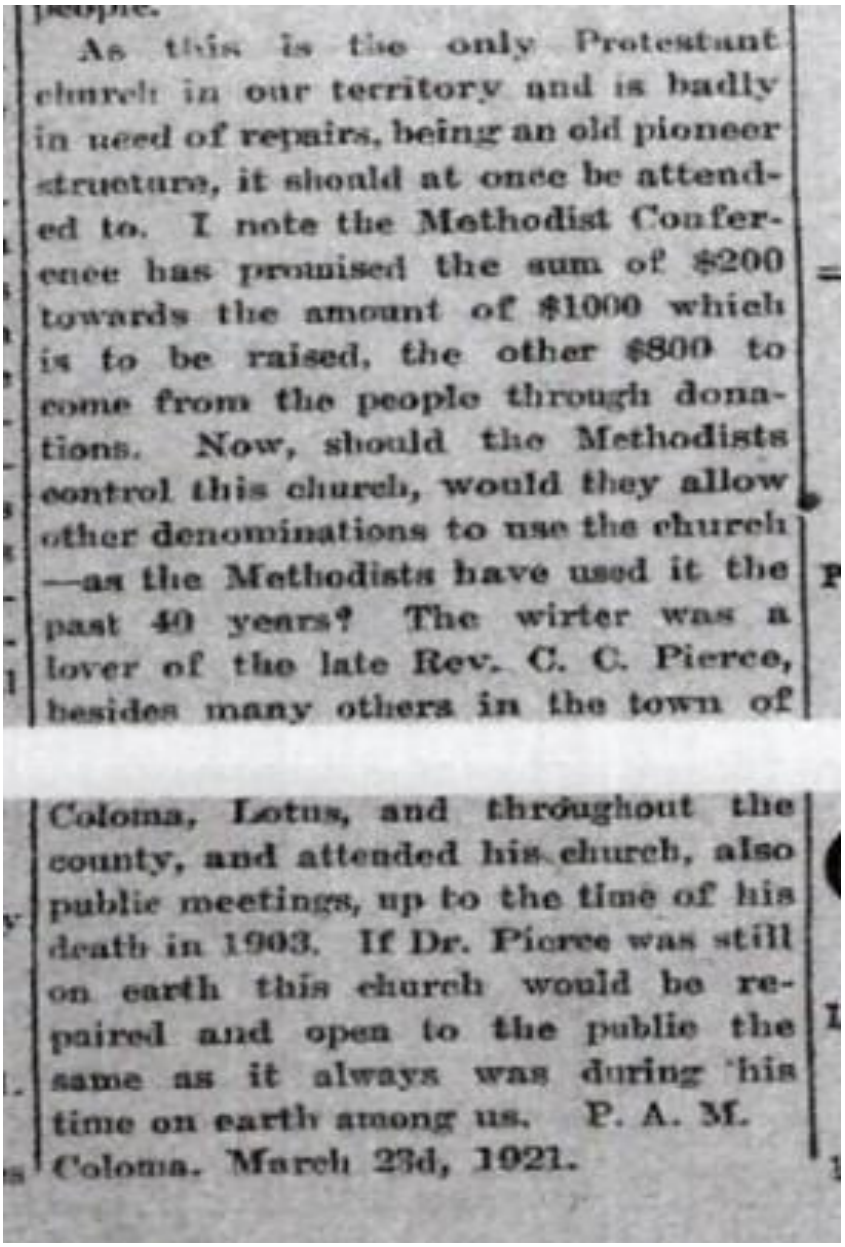
With the death of Rev. Peirce and the lack of consistent pastors from the Methodist and Episcopal churches the Emmanuel was again in decay.

Years later, on March 11, 1921, Ella Norris called a public meeting, the topic was to discuss the donation and transfer of the Emmanuel Episcopal Church and lot to the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mentioned is the donation of the lot to the Episcopal Church by Robert Chalmers prior to the property acquisition by Oscar Osborn. Why the Rev. Peirce did not record this deed was never documented.

A public meeting was called and held at our old Episcopal church last Wednesday evening to duscuss the proposed plans of repair work. Those present were Mr. Petersen, pastor of the Methodist Church at Placerville, Mr. and Mrs. E. Thole, Miss M. Thomas, Mrs. Bullard, Wm. Stearns, Mrs. Norris, Miss Johnson, Robert and George Johnson. Several hymns were sung by Mr. Petersen, followed by songs and chours. The history of Emanuel Church from the year of building, 1855, to the present time, was reviewed. The lot on which the church stands was donated by Robert Chalmers, a man closely identified with El Dorado county history since 1847. Some years after his death in the 80's, that parcel of his land containing the church lot was sold to Oscer Osborn, another pioneer, who discovered there ws no record of a deed for the lot. He promptly made a deed to the toyn of Coloma. Shortly before Mr. Osborn's death about 1901 he sold his property to the late Albert Norris, and it was then discovered the Osborn deed to the church lot also had a hoodoo on it. Mrs. Norris will now deed the lot to the Methodist Church. It is estimated the cost of repairs will be in the neighborhood of $1000. The Methodist Church will advance $200, the remainder to be met by the public interested; and so passes into history Emanuel Church of pioneer fame.

Discussion of the donation of the Emmanuel Episcopal church lot by Robert Chalmers and the attempt of Oscar Osborn to also donate the lot to the Episcopal diocese.

A follow up to the article reporting the community meeting in Coloma to discuss the donation of the Emmanuel Episcopal Church to the Methodist Episcopal Church.



people.

As this is the only Protestant church in our territory and is badly in need of repairs, being an old pioneer structure, it should at once be attended to. I note the Methodist Conference has promised the sum of $200 towards the amount of $1000 which is to be raised, the other $800 to come from the people through donations. Now, should the Methodists control this church, would they allow other denominations to use the church—as the Methodists have used it the past 40 years? The writer was a lover of the late Rev. C. C. Pierce, besides many others in the town of Coloma, Lotus, and throughout the county, and attended his church, also public meetings, up to the time of his death in 1903. If Dr. Pierce was still on earth this church would be repaired and open to the public the same as it always was during his time on earth among us. P. A. M.

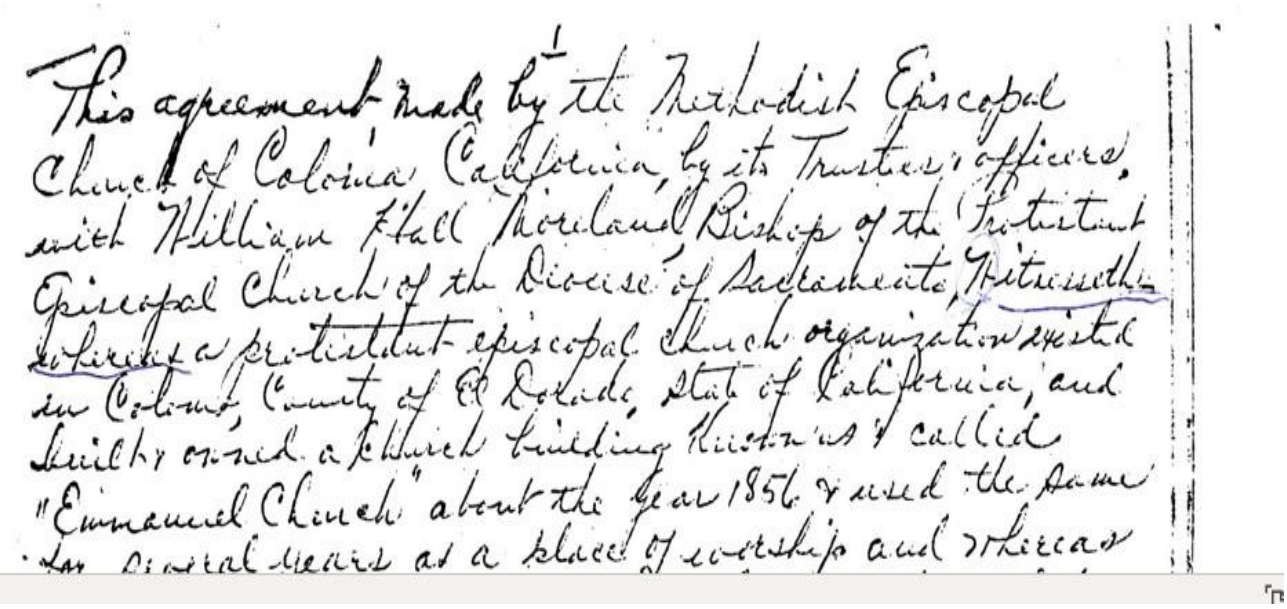
Coloma, March 23d, 1921.

In a firsthand account of the Emmanuel Church's joint use by Episcopal and Methodist Episcopal Churches for over fifty years. The author states the Rev. C.C Peirce served the Emmanuel

Episcopal Church until 1903. The letter to the editor signed P.A.M., or Pearly Almirah Monroe a well-known and respected citizen of Coloma.

On April 12th, 1921, A resolution by Bishop Moreland of the Episcopal Church diocese of Sacramento acknowledging the joint use of the Emmanuel Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church for over fifty years, deeding the Emmanuel Episcopal Church building to the Methodist Episcopal Church with stipulations that the Episcopal Church be allowed periodic use of the building.

Partial page one of original transfer document,



This agreement made by the Methodist Episcopal Church of Coloma, California, by its Trustees, officers, with William Hall Moreland Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Sacramento, Witnesseth

to Church a protestant episcopal church organization existed in Coloma, County of El Dorado, State of California, and Said Church owned a Church building known as & called "Emmanuel Church" about the year 1856 & used the same for Divine Worship as a place of worship and Whereas

Transcript of April 12th, 1921, Transfer of Emmanuel Church Building to Methodist Episcopal Church.

This agreement made by the Methodist Episcopal Church of Coloma California, by its Trustees, officers with William Hill Moreland, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Sacramento witnesses whereof a protestant church organization existed in Coloma, County of El Dorado, State of California, and built a church building known and called the "Emmanuel Church" about the year 1856 an used the same building for several years as a place of worship and whereas later the county seat was moved away from Coloma and the local membership of said church become reduced in numbers & scattered, with offering that said church had been constructed on public land of the United States & later the title of said church lot being acquired by private individuals, and whereas by common consent said church building was used by the citizens of Coloma as a public hall, and a place of worship by various denominations & mainly by the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church for approximately fifty years, the Episcopal Minister also officiated in said church occasionally ; and whereas said church building became much dilapidated and greatly out of repair and it became necessary that said building be restored and improved and made fit for use and said Methodist Episcopal denominations of Coloma being willing to undertake the restoration of said church bringing it to its early day conditions as near as may be with the assistance of said friends of old historic church building on condition that the legal title to said church building and the lot of land on which it stands be conveyed to said Methodist Episcopal Church or trustee or proper officers of said church in Coloma California and in pursuance of said common purpose. And by common consent the said church building and the

lot of land on which it stands was on the 12th day of April 1921, conveyed by deed to said Methodist Episcopal Church of Coloma, California by Ella M. Norris, then owing the legal title to the land on which said church building stands and where said Methodist Episcopal Church of Coloma with its trustees and officers recognizing the original builders of said church under Bishop Kip of California and his successors in office for the Diocese of Sacramento, Bishop William Hall Moreland of the Protestant Episcopal church and its members as having an earned affection for the old historic church and also recalling the long continuous and free use of said church building as a house of worship for many years and said church and its trustees and officers being desirous of showing our equitable spirit to said Bishop Moreland and his successors in office to the extent that the services of the Protestant Episcopal church may be conducted occasionally in said old Coloma church herein referred to; now therefore in consideration of the forgoing premises and the preferred assistance of said Bishop Moreland to aid in the restoration of said church building by lecture and religious services and by other financial aid of himself and friends towards said restoration fund. It is hereby stipulated and agreed that by the Methodist Episcopal church of Coloma, California, by its trustees and officers holding title and control of said church building and their successors in office that Bishop William Hall Moreland , and his successors in office of the Protestant Episcopal church of Diocese of Sacramento and other Episcopal Ministers as he may recommend or appoint may and shall have the right occasionally to hold services in the old church above described when not in use by the present owners of said church building by giving two weeks' notice of a desire to hold such services to the proper officers or trustees of said Methodist

Episcopal church. In witness where of we have caused to be signed here to the owners of said church building by its trustees and officers and our true names as trustees and officers of said church individually, this 16th day of May A.D. 1921.

Emmanuel Methodist Episcopal church of Coloma – by Kate C Bullard, Ella M. Norris, Albert Herzig, Joseph Hooper, Robt. Johnson, Leroy Thomas, N. N. Stearns Trustees.

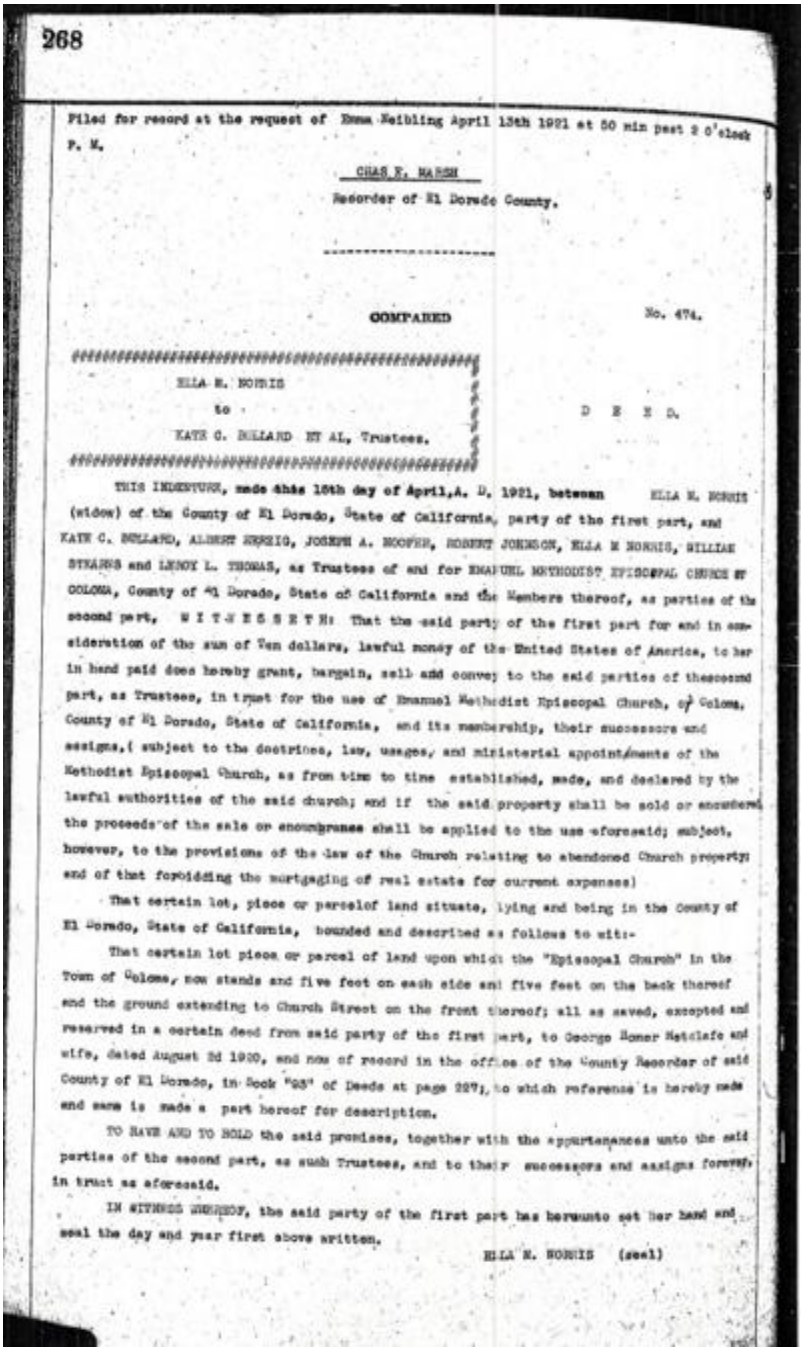
State of California, County of El Dorado

On this day, 16th day of May 1921 before me – Chas A. Rasmusson, a Notary Public in and for the County of El Dorado personally appeared.

Kate C. Bullard, Ella M. Norris, Albert Herzig, Joseph Hooper, Robt. Johnson, Leroy Thomas, N. N. Stearns known to me the persons whose names as subscribed to the within instrument and they duly acknowledged to me that they executed the same. In witness I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at my office in said County of El Dorado the day and year in this certificate first above written. Chas. A. Rasmusson Notary Public in and for the County of El Dorado, State of California My Commission expires Dec. 28, 1924.

On April 14, 1921, the Emmanuel Episcopal church lot as a portion of Lot 14 Block 7 was deeded by Mrs. Norris the Methodist

Episcopal Church as recorded in the El Dorado County recorder books of deeds.



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CHAS. F. HARSH
Recorder of El Dorado County.

COMPARED

No. 474.

ELLA M. NORRIS
to
KATE C. BULLARD ET AL, Trustees.

D E E D.

THIS INDENTURE, made this 16th day of April, A. D. 1921, between ELLA M. NORRIS (widow) of the County of El Dorado, State of California, party of the first part, and KATE C. BULLARD, ALBERT HERRIG, JOSEPH A. HOOPER, ROBERT JOHNSON, ELLA M NORRIS, WILLIAM STRAUSS and LENOY L. THOMAS, as Trustees of and for EMANUEL METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF COLOMA, County of El Dorado, State of California and the Members thereof, as parties of the second part, W I T N E S S E T H: That the said party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of Ten dollars, lawful money of the United States of America, to her in hand paid does hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey to the said parties of the second part, as Trustees, in trust for the use of Emanuel Methodist Episcopal Church, of Coloma, County of El Dorado, State of California, and its membership, their successors and assigns,(subject to the doctrines, law, usages, and ministerial appointments of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as from time to time established, made, and declared by the lawful authorities of the said church; and if the said property shall be sold or encumbered the proceeds of the sale or encumbrance shall be applied to the use aforesaid; subject, however, to the provisions of the law of the Church relating to abandoned Church property and of that forbidding the mortgaging of real estate for current expenses)

That certain lot, piece or parcelof land situate, lying and being in the County of El Dorado, State of California, bounded and described as follows to wit:-

That certain lot piece or parcel of land upon which the "Episcopal Church" in the Town of Coloma, now stands and five feet on each side and five feet on the back thereof and the ground extending to Church Street on the front thereof; all as saved, excepted and reserved in a certain deed from said party of the first part, to George Homer Metcalfe and wife, dated August 3d 1920, and now of record in the office of the County Recorder of said County of El Dorado, in Book "93" of Deeds at page 227, to which reference is hereby made and same is made a part hereof for description.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said premises, together with the appurtenances unto the said parties of the second part, as such Trustees, and to their successors and assigns forever, in trust as aforesaid.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said party of the first part has hereunto set her hand and seal the day and year first above written.

ELLA M. NORRIS (seal)

The 1921 donation of the Emmanuel Episcopal Church and lot to the Methodist Episcopal Church generated much excitement in the community, raising funds for the repairs and for the 1922 celebratory events that were held with participants attending from

throughout the state. During the celebrations, the Reverend C.C. Pierce was celebrated for his forty plus years of service in Coloma to the Emmanuel Episcopal Church as well as the Methodist preachers who also used the Emmanuel Church since 1870.

During the 1921 property transfer the Emmanuel Episcopal Church name was changed to the Emmanuel Methodist Episcopal Church.

Regardless of the legal ownership status of the Emmanuel Episcopal church lot, the church building remained in use by the Episcopal Church under Rev. C.C. Peirce for over forty years from 1861 until his death in 1903 with a shared use by the Methodist Episcopal church from 1870 until the 1921 transfer from Emmanuel Episcopal Church to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On April 30, 1969, the Emmanuel church was deeded to the State of California Marshall Gold Discovery State Historical Park.

There is no record of the Emmanuel church property having been owned by anyone other than those listed in the previous timeline.

The complete history of the Emmanuel and other churches can be viewed at.

archive.org/details/second-edition-v-1-churches-of-coloma

[i] *Empire Argus Newspaper*, Coloma, October 13, 1855.
[ii] *Empire County Argus,*3/15/1856, page 2.
[iii] El Dorado County Historical Museum, Placerville.
[iv] Thomas Fitch, "*City of Placerville, and the Towns of Upper Placerville, El Dorado, Georgetown and Coloma, Business Directory" 186, page 129*
[v] Deed of Trust, 9/7/74. Judge Irwin to Chalmers, El Dorado County Recorder/Clerk, Book P, page 44.
[vi] *Mountain Democrat*, 2/22/1890, page 6
[vii] California State Parks, Goldfields District.
[viii] Methodist Archives, Berkeley, CA.